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Trump to review CW bill, promises action

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The Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018 is currently at the possession of U.S. President Donald J. Trump and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said he was assured that the President will sign the bill into law no later than July 24, 2018.

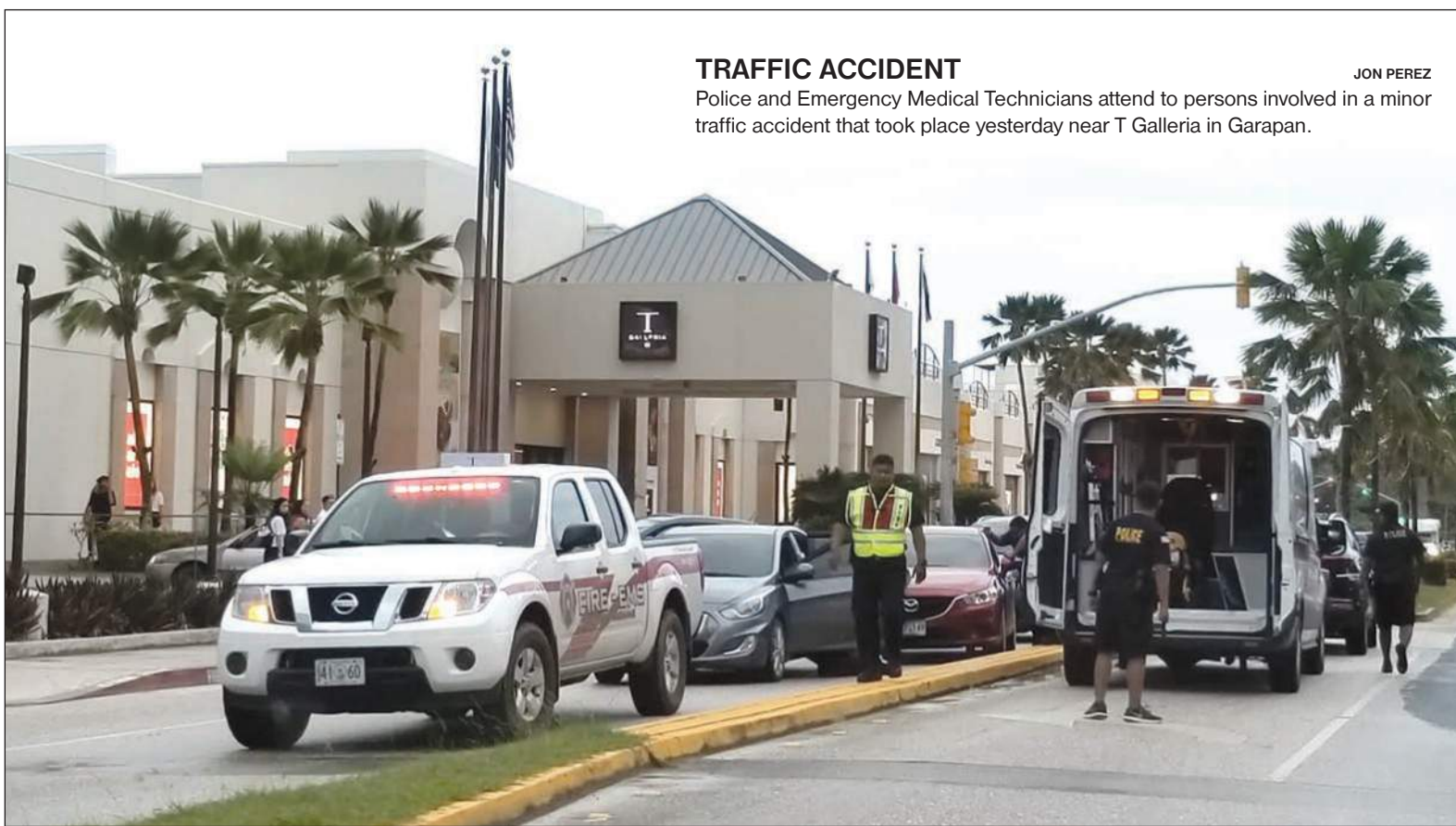
In a communication from the White House to Torres Friday, he was informed that the NMI U.S. Workforce Act of 2018, or U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop's (R-UT) and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) H.R. 5956, has already been presented to the U.S. President.

"[The White House] informed us
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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Police and Emergency Medical Technicians attend to persons involved in a minor traffic accident that took place yesterday near T Galleria in Garapan.

JON PEREZ



Japanese to invest on Saipan, Tinian, Rota



KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, left, shakes hands with Japanese investor Yusho Oki to seal the partnership they established last Thursday during Oki's courtesy visit to the Saipan Mayor's Office.

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A Japanese investor who has fallen immediately in love with the CNMI has decided to invest in its economy.

Last Thursday, Yusho Oki visited Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang to discuss possible business ventures in the CNMI and a possibility of a sister-city relationship with multiple cities in Japan.

"He is here on a courtesy visit to the Saipan mayor... He is here to explore the islands on the possibilities of investments... He just came here for a courtesy visit to the mayor and to share his ideas on the project and

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Crisostomo's convictions over rape, killing of Romero affirmed

» Justices conclude that evidence pointing to Crisostomo as perpetrator was undeniably strong

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The CNMI Supreme Court has affirmed the convictions of notorious habitual offender Joseph Acosta Crisostomo, who was slapped with a life sentence for the kidnapping, raping, and killing of bartender Emerita



Crisostomo

R. Romero.

In a 39-page opinion issued Friday, the high court justices said even after omitting the errors in Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph

Camacho's rulings in the case, numerous evidence remains.

"We find sufficiently strong, unrefuted evidence supporting Crisostomo's conviction, and are unable to say, even when taken together,

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Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang reached a major milestone in his life and celebrated it with the entire community through a campaign fundraiser.

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The boys meant to explore the cave for just an hour, a casual jaunt to relax after soccer practice, but the waters rose.

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LIFE & STYLE

Yvette Nicole Brown is filling in for Chris Hardwick as host of "The Walking Dead" and "Talking Dead" while AMC Networks reviews sexual-assault allegations against Hardwick.

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GOP: Reyes' statements misleading, without substance

In response to former Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes' public statement

regarding the "good financial standing" of the fund during the term of former governor Juan N. Babauta, CNMI

Republican Party president James Ada issued a statement intended to provide the public with what he calls "the facts of that troubling time for the CNMI government retirees."

In the statement, Ada stated, "As a citizen whose family members have been affected by the mismanagement of funds during the Babauta administration and as an avid supporter of the progress made for our retirees under the Torres administration, I found the statements of Mr. Reyes misleading and without substance."

"Simply, to correct the record, I would like to provide the public with Mr. Reyes' own statements he made in the opening pages of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund 2004 annual report," said Ada.

In the 2004 report mentioned by Ada and which was addressed to Babauta, Reyes stated:

"The Fund continues to feel the pressure of tight cash flow because the CNMI government is not remitting the employer contribution to the Fund. However, the increase

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of \$8.12 million (\$6.24 employer contribution plus \$1.88 million of allotment not remitted) of CNMI Obligations to the Fund reduces 'cash flow.' To date the Fund had drawn \$3.02 million from the principal investments to supplement payment of pension cost."

The report went on to state, "The allowance provision for uncollectible was increased by over \$48.71 million due to highly likelihood of not collecting the CNMI receivable."

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Ada states that the attempt to rewrite history does a disservice to the sacrifices the

CNMI's retirees were forced to make following the fiscal mismanagement of the CNMI government at that time.

"To say that the Retirement Fund was well managed when there were repeated and documented occurrences of

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that the President will sign the bill, but to be patient as it may take until July 24 because of a backlog of bills the President needs to sign,” said Torres in a statement issued over the weekend. “They assured me that they know how important it is for our economy and our people will do everything they can to move it quickly,” he continued.

H.R. 5956 seeks to override the U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Services’ CNMI-Only Transitional Worker petition cap of 4,999 for fiscal year 2019, which starts Oct. 1, 2018. H.R. 5956 sets the CW slot cap to 13,000.

The legislation also continues the bar on claims of asylum in the CNMI, which allows for the parole authority of the CNMI for Chinese tourists, which Sablan previously stated was about 45 percent of all arrivals to the NMI. The CNMI economy revolves around the tourism industry.

The legislation further provides for better status for CW

visa holders who have been continuously employed in the CNMI since fiscal year 2015 by allowing their employers to apply for a CW-1 visa that is valid for three years, while also extending the transitional period to 2029, effectively extending the CW program and several other transitional programs by an additional 10 years.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, Sablan said he is equally interested in what happens after the enactment of the bill.

Sablan noted that he plans to meet with USCIS next week after he said Washington

office staff have already discussed with USCIS officials about the re-opening of the application window for fiscal year 2019 CW permits. Fiscal year 2019 CW permits were previously selected through a lottery due to the low number of slots.

“We wrote the [USCIS] to reverse that bad decision and raise the number of permits for 2019 to 13,000—back where it was in 2016,” he said.

With the seemingly imminent passage of the CW bill, Sablan said he wishes to assure local business and work-

ers who were unable to renew for 2019 because of the cuts can “immediately apply for the extra 8,001 CW permits” that comes with the passage of H.R. 5956.

In Torres’ statement over the weekend, he said that the

White House is working with the Department of Homeland Security USCIS to “get the new law implemented as quickly as possible.”

Torres also promised updates on the progress of the bill.

ERRATUM

John DelRosario’s July 13, 2018 column should’ve been entitled “Of colossal greed.” Our apologies.

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the Babauta administration’s unwillingness to secure the fund’s sustainability is outright false.” Ada said. “Over the course of his term, Babauta amassed more than \$40 million unfunded pension liabilities and made the collapse of the fund in later years inevitable.”

This has longer effects, according to Ada. “It was this Republican government that had to take action to correct the mismanagement of that time. Creating new revenue sources to secure full pensions and entering into a

Settlement Agreement with the Court were required to fix the mistakes of Babauta’s time in office.”

According to Ada, the CNMI was fortunate to have the leadership of late governor Eloy S. Inos, Ralph DLG Torres, and the Republican Party. “In a short timeframe, the CNMI Republican Party has made the right choices and decisions and has decreased the obligations to the Settlement Fund by \$108 million.” Ada said. “This is progress from where we were, and no amount of misleading statements and misdirection by those formerly in the Babauta camp can change the facts.” (PR)

JAPANESE

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to get the mayor’s opinion because of respect,” said Oki’s translator.

“He will leave for Japan next week and promised to establish a sister-city between Saipan and Japan,” he added.

Oki said through his translator that he intends to reveal his actual business plan to the public upon his return in August.

“In August he will return and will reveal his business plan he doesn’t want to disclose the details yet,” he said.

When asked why he decided to invest in the CNMI from all the other possible prospects, Oki said through his translator that since his arrival two years ago, the CNMI islands have captivated him.

“Mr. Oki really loves the CNMI. Since the first time he arrived two years ago, he has kept on coming back,” said Oki’s translator.

Apatang said that the CNMI always welcomes new business ventures especially Japanese ones given the history they share with the islands.

“We always welcome visitors here especially our Japanese friends we’re always appreciative of when they come to visit our islands...I always encourage our Japanese friends to come back and invest in the CNMI. They have been our partners since way back for the longest time and all of a sud-

den they just started phasing out and its time to get them back,” he said.

Apatang is also looking forward to the sister-city relationship that Oki promised to help establish.

“We are looking forward to working with him and establishing sister city relationships so we can strengthen our relationship with Japan.... Through a sister city program, that’s another way to do that and encourage more Japanese visitors to come,” he said.

CRISOSTOMO

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that it is more probable than not that the errors materially affected the verdict. We decline to reverse for cumulative error,” said the Supreme Court’s opinion penned by Associate Justice John A. Manglona and concurred by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Associate Justice Perry B. Inos.

Crisostomo, through counsel Janet H. King, appealed his convictions claiming numerous deficiencies before and during trial.

The defendant presented 10 issues: denial of expert testimony; admission of expert testimony; denial of his motion to transfer venue; failure to reiterate jury instructions at the close of evidence; admission of improper character evidence; admission of testimony based on impermissibly suggestive identification; admission of footprint evidence; use of Skype testimony; admission of testimony concerning refusal to submit to polygraph examination; and cumulative errors resulting in an unfair trial.

Then-assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley argued for the government before the CNMI Supreme Court. Then-interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty and then-assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy represented the government at the trial.

On the denial of expert testimony issue, the justices

ruled that Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho did not allow either counsel to question Crisostomo’s DNA expert Dr. David Haymer as to his methodology and its reliability, nor did the judge inquire as to these issues on his own accord, failing to establish a sufficiently developed record for the high court’s review.

The justices said Camacho unreasonably limited the evidence regarding the reliability and application of Haymer’s methodology, and, as a result, prematurely rendered his conclusion on Haymer’s admissibility.

The justices said because of this error, Camacho could not make specific findings on the record.

“The manner in which the court made its rulings was manifestly erroneous, based on an erroneous view of the law,” said the justices in concluding that Camacho abused his discretion.

The justices, however, ruled that although Camacho erred in determining the admissibility of Haymer testimony, a close review leads the high court to conclude the exclusion was harmless.

The justices said Crisostomo did not seek to introduce Haymer to testify about any evidence, rather, his testimony was sought to point out potential flaws in Federal Bureau of Investigation DNA analyst Susana Kehl’s interpretation of the DNA mixture.

The justices said although the exclusion of Haymer rendered Crisostomo’s trial imperfect, it was nonetheless fair.

“We find a fair assurance of harmlessness that the error did not materially affect the verdict: had Haymer been able to testify, it is more probable than not that the same verdict would have been returned,” said the justices, concluding that they deem the error harmless.

On barefoot morphology expert William Bodziak’s testimony, the justices said they find it evident—and certainly more probable than not—that Camacho would have nonetheless admitted Bodziak as an expert after a proper reliability determination.

“As such, we deem the failure to make findings as to the reliability of barefoot morphology harmless,” the justices said.

With respect to change venue issue, the justices found Crisostomo’s vague claim as insufficient.

The justices said discussion of certain jurors’ knowledge of the case in the news is insufficient; the constitution requires the trier of fact to be impartial, not ignorant.

“We thus defer to the province of the trial judge and find no abuse of discretion,” the justices said.

On jury instructions matter, the justices said because the judge has broad discretion in deciding to give a cautionary instruction rather than declare a mistrial and they (justices) assume the judge’s curative instruction was followed so as to overcome any prejudicial effect of a witness’ statement, they find no error.

Pertaining to identification of Crisostomo’s voice in the 911 call issue, the justices said despite the police officers’ suggestive setup, Joanne Castro, Crisostomo’s prior live-in partner of 17 years, was able to give a reliable identification, rendering the out-of-the court identification admissible.

“We find no due process violation,” the justices pointed out.

On footprint evidence, the justices concluded that the taking of Crisostomo’s footprints was not a critical stage of the proceeding and that subsequently admitting evidence of Crisostomo’s footprints did not violate his Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

The justices found no error in Camacho admitting the footprint evidence.

On Skype testimony, the justices said given that Camacho did not err in allowing David Snyder to testify via Skype, they find no plain error occurred.

Snyder is the forensic audio examiner who enhanced Romero’s 911 call.

With respect to polygraph testimony, the justices said any error in admitting the testimony about Crisostomo’s refusal to submit to a polygraph was not plain in light of the record as a whole. “Accordingly, we find no plain error,” the justices said.

On cumulative error, the justices said they weigh the aggregate prejudicial effect of the trial errors against the sum of the evidence presented against Crisostomo.

The justices noted Camacho’s errors in four issues, particularly the denial of Crisostomo’s DNA rebuttal expert, were undeniably prejudicial.

The justices said, however, the government’s evidence pointing to Crisostomo as the perpetrator was undeniably strong.

The justices highlighted some of this evidence.

The justices said in particular, Alice Kintaro, Shaine Castro, and Crisostomo himself all identified Crisostomo as driving a vehicle matching the description of that seen by Natalie Ocon.

The justices said hair and fiber in the rented car were consistent with Romero’s hair, leggings, and fibers found on her shoe.

The justices said three individuals separately identified Crisostomo’s voice on a 911 call where Romero was heard pleading to be released, complaining that her neck hurt, and asking to pick up her pants.

The justices said without knowing either party, the 911 operator identified the female voice as Filipina and the male voice as local.

The justices said cell tower records matched Romero and Crisostomo’s movement, including pinging Crisostomo’s borrowed phone in Marpi at 6am on Feb. 5.

The justices said footprints matching Crisostomo’s were found at La Fiesta next to drag marks.

The justices said Crisostomo was seen by a witness attempting to sell a Blackberry

Torch shortly after.

The justices noted Kehl’s testimony of a 1 in 960 million probability that the DNA found in Romero belonged to someone in the Chamorro population other than Crisostomo.

The justices said the government notes Crisostomo has taken an “everything-but-the-kitchen-sink approach” to the appeal, and that they agree.

In addition, the justices pointed out that Crisostomo’s briefing is littered with violations of the NMI Supreme Court rules, conclusory statements, overwhelming legal arguments, and misstatements of law.

Camacho presided over the trial and decided the misdemeanor charges. He found the defendant guilty of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

On April 24, 2014, the jury reached a guilty verdict against the then-40-year-old Crisostomo as to the charges of first degree murder, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, and robbery.

On May 28, 2014, Camacho sentenced Crisostomo to life imprisonment.

Romero, 37, was last seen boarding a car near her house in Garapan in the early morning of Feb. 5, 2012. She was supposed to meet her boyfriend in Chalan Piao. Two days later, FBI agents found her body in a small bathroom at the abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis. Autopsy revealed she was beaten and strangled with a pair of leggings.

LibDay grounds re-open July 17-21

Following its cancellation earlier this month due to inclement weather, the 2018 Liberation Day festivities will resume at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan from July 17 to 21, 2018.

The festivities, presented by the Saipan Mayor's Office and the 2018 Liberation Day Committee, will be held from 6pm to 10pm nightly, closing at 11pm on Friday and Saturday.

"We, last week and after looking at our financials, agreed we can reopen the grounds and reschedule the parade for the community," said 2018 Liberation Day Committee Joe E. Ayuy Jr. "We're very happy to be able to do so, and we invite the community to come out next week and show us that we made the right decision. In our communication with our service vendors, food vendors, parade

participants, sponsors, and government partners, we are getting a lot of support to make the reopening a success. We hope everyone will put this year's celebration on their evening calendar for this week."

The entertainment lineup for Tuesday, July 17, will include Uraalii Carolinian dance group at 7pm, Guma Simiyan Mananaita Chamorro dance group at 7:50pm, Saipan Music & Dance Studio Philipines at 8:25pm, Nien Hotte at 9pm, and Tattoo at 9:30pm.

On July 21, the Liberation Day parade will be held at 3pm, the \$10,000 grand prize raffle will be at 9pm, and fireworks will be held at Garapan Fishing Base at 10pm.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-018

ISLAND WIDE WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation to verify leaks and leak repair on various types of waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **July 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-18-018: Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan”** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 5, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

OPA: CUC organizational structure remains unresolved

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**
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REPORTER

The Office of the Public Auditor noted in a report to Legislative officers and other departmental heads that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has yet to resolve its case on organizational structure.

After being found to not have achieved its purpose to operate as an independent public agency with legal and political independence to perform as an autonomous corporation in a previous OPA audit, the OPA recommends that CUC modify their organizational structure to prevent interferences. OPA noted that shown throughout the history of CUC, previous legislatures, various governors, and previous board have interfered with CUC's management.

OPA recommends that CUC collaborate with the administration and the legislature to consider a “revised corporate form” for CUC, which includes a cooperatives structure, a municipal corporation structure, and a privatized structure of management.

CUC in a May 9, 2018 communication previously informed OPA that they were

“diligently reviewing and discussing” alternatives to CUC's organizational structure and its feasibility for operating within the CNMI.

“...This is a complicated subject and we at CUC understand that we must meticulously review and assess the process and we are trying to understand the alternatives and best concept for the Commonwealth and its consumers,” CUC executive director Gary Camacho noted in his letter to OPA.

CUC under a cooperative corporate structure calls for the election of a board of directors by the users of the utility. Any profit obtained by the users would be paid back in the form of dividends. The cooperative corporate structure has seen its success in Hawaii as the Kauai electrical cooperative.

OPA in their previous audit on CUC wrote that the municipal corporation is similar to CUC's current legal structure and allows for the direct election of the corporation's board of directors, which in turn hires the executive director to run the organization. According to the OPA, this structure has seen some success in Guam.

Privatization, the last and definitely the least recom-

mended by the OPA, was seen as an alternative since it was allowed under current law. OPA previously noted that the legislative mandated value of the assets are unrealistic at \$259 million, while CUC brings up the issue of transferring of assets to third-party.

CUC further pointed out that the government would not have control on rates and that going the privatization route would be challenging transparency-wise.

“Although CUC has expressed its commitment to considering the alternative to its organizational structure, the recommendation will remain open as it involves the collaboration with the Administration and the Legislature,” OPA said in their July 2, 2018 report to the Interagency Audit Coordinating Advisory Group, which consists of the presiding officers and minority leaders of both houses of the legislature, the secretary of finance, and the special assistant for the Office of the Management and Budget.

“The unresolved recommendation will be addressed to both the administration and the Legislature for future follow up,” OPA continued.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Procurement & Supply



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-024

REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No. 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site conditions.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-026

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A BASIC LINEMAN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide a basic lineman training program for CUC, Power Transmission & Distribution Division.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-RFP-18-026, Basic Lineman Training Program”** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 31, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, Power T&D Manager, via email address lee.lieto@cucgov.org, Roger Madiaga, Human Resource Training Coordinator, via email address roger.madiaga@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
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CEC turns over to OAG registration affidavits with issues

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission has turned over to the Office of the Attorney

General the case of over 13 individuals whose registration of affidavits from off-island have “problematic issues.”

CEC received the registration of affidavits through the

mail.

At CEC’s board meeting last Friday afternoon, CEC election register clerk Robin Sablan discussed the case of the individuals having issues

in their affidavits such as incomplete and other things.

After Sablan’s discussion, the board held an executive session.

Assistant attorney general Charles Brasington was present during the meeting.

In an interview, CEC chair Jesus I. Sablan said they referred the case to OAG for further investigation.

Sablan said OAG will conduct further investigation and come back to CEC for action.

He said there are 13 cases and a couple of others.

At the meeting, the board elected Patricia Mareham, who is representing Carolinians on Saipan, as pro temp vice chairman.

Sablan underscored the need to have a pro temp vice chairman as he might be off-

island during a meeting.

Sablan’s four-year term will expire this October. After Donald Hofschneider resigned as board member representing Tinian and vice chairman pro temp last Feb. 16, the vice chairman pro temp position has been vacant.

Sablan said CEC is doing fine and in fact is open now every Saturdays to entertain those who want to register for the Nov. 6 general election.

He said Brasington even commented that it’s the best board that he ever participated as its members and staff are fully organized in transacting business.

Sablan said they also provide CEC executive director Julita Villagomez and two election clerks an opportunity to conduct

voter registration in Oregon.

Meanwhile, Villagomez in an earlier interview said with respect to voter registration in Guam, those CNMI residents who are currently temporarily staying on the island and want to vote at the Nov. 6 general election, must register for the precincts that they were previously registered in the Commonwealth.

CEC said there are CNMI residents who are bedridden, on medical referrals, have no access to internet, and don’t know how to register online in Guam.

The registration drive in Guam will be done at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in the lobby area for CNMI residents from Aug. 21 to 23 from 9am to 3pm at 240 Ypao Beach Road in Tamuning.

BEH warns of food safety on mobile vendors

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REPORTER

The Bureau of Environmental Health has released a health advisory that warned the public of food items sold by mobile vendors that could have been operating without proper documents.

“The [BEH] would like to advise the public to be wary of mobile food vendors (food vans) that may be operating without a business license, sanitary permit, and/or certified to handle food,” said the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. in a statement.

BEH requires a mobile food vendor to have a valid business license and vehicle registration—valid vehicle insurance, driver’s license, and food handler—before they would issue a sanitary permit for a delivery vehicle.

The establishment that owns the mobile food vehicle must also have a sanitary per-

mit—either for their kitchen or restaurant—sanitary permit for the delivery vehicle, which has the name of the business or company with the other contact information, and valid food handler certificates for identification and verification purposes.

BEH is also requiring that all proper and valid documents must always be on-hand for every delivery vehicle.

They also wanted the personnel that handles the food deliveries to have a clean attire and hair restraints, wearing a shirt with sleeves, using a single-use disposable gloves, and in good health that’s free from any flu-like symptoms and have no open wounds or cuts that are not properly covered.

Any food that will be delivered must be stored in non-corrosive approved containers inside a clean vehicle that needs to be dirt and dust free. Food handlers must also use tongs, gloves,

and other utensils needed to properly handle and distribution of food items.

Food items must also be properly wrapped or sealed to minimize exposure to contamination while also keeping hot foods at 140° F (60° C) or higher, or at 40° F (4.4° C) or lower.

They also classified food contamination into three types—biological from bacteria, viruses, parasites, and fungi; chemical from pesticides, food additives, cleaning supplies, and toxic metals; and physical or foreign matter from dirt, broken glass, and other objects.

“Cross-contamination is the transfer of harmful substances or micro-organisms by clean (free of visible soil) versus sanitary (free of harmful levels of contamination).

For concerns, information, or questions, call the BEH office at 664-4870/72/73 or director John M. Tagabuel at john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp.



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Apatang celebrates 70th birthday with fundraiser

By **KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA**
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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang reached a major milestone in his life and celebrated it with the entire community through a campaign fundraiser.

Last Saturday, 700 members of the community gathered to celebrate Apatang's 70th birthday during his campaign fundraiser event at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The event was grand to say the least with the event completely closing out PIC's Magellan and Charley's Cabaret.

According to Apatang, he



KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Members of the Republican Party pose for a photo with Saipan Mayor David Apatang during his birthday fundraiser last Saturday.

was amazed by the event's turnout and could not believe how many people

showed up to support him and his candidacy.

"It's very well. There are a lot of people tonight... I just want to thank all my supporters who showed up tonight and for everyone who contributed to make this event possible," he said.

Apatang's birthday fundraiser was able to raise over \$30,000 that will go to funding his re-election campaign.

According to Apatang's campaign committee chair Oscar Babauta, Apatang and his crew have worked tirelessly for the Saipan community by constantly cleaning and maintaining the entire island.

During Apatang's birthday campaign, all of his children and siblings joined him during his brief remarks to sing him *Happy Birthday* that was the highlight of the celebration.

The event was also participated by CNMI dignitaries from the Republican Party who wanted to show their support for Apatang's re-election.

Apatang is running under the GOP for Saipan mayor and will be going up against Ramon Blas Camacho who is running for Saipan mayor as an independent.

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COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that the Board Committees on Financial Affairs, Airport Facilities and Seaport Facilities will be holding a Special meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, beginning 1:30 p.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom located in the Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on the island of Saipan.

AGENDAS

Financial Affairs Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
 1. Merchant Services Proposal Update
 2. Air Carrier Incentive Program
 3. Committee Report
 4. Financial Reports
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

Airport Facilities Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
 1. Grazing Applications - Rota
 2. Tandem Skydive
 3. Saipan International Airport Car Rental Concession
 4. Divert
- IV. Executive Session: Legal briefing on Tinian Airport/Divert
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

Seaport Facilities Committee

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Items:
 1. Saipan Globe/Wharfage Rates Analysis
 2. Ginen Saipan
 3. Fenders for Port of Saipan
 4. Phoenix Services
- VII. Executive Session
- IV. Miscellaneous
- V. Adjournment

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. A time limit will be imposed for oral testimony.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-019

Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-18-019 - Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT MVA IS HIRING!!!!!!!

Opening Date: 07/09/18 Closing Date: UNTIL FILLED

JVA#18-003: **Procurement Officer**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 or visit www.mymarianas.com for more details.



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT (In-House Promotion Only)

OPENING DATE: July 05, 2018 **CLOSING DATE:** July 23, 2018 • **TIME:** 4:30 P.M.

NMHC JVA No.: 2018-009 • **Positions:** Office Manager

Salary: UNGRADED \$45,000.00 to \$54,193.00-per annum

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Acting Office Manager, at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

GHLI open enrollment period starts July 16

With the passage of Public Law 20-40, the CNMI Department of Finance Group Health & Life Insurance (GHLI) Division will be conducting an open enrollment from July 16, 2018 through Aug. 16, 2018. This enrollment period is limited to eligible retirees and dependents, as well as government employees who do not have health insurance now.

GHLI provides a robust health plan through Aetna International providing access to care globally, includes coverage for pre-existing conditions, and no lifetime or calendar year maximums.

According to Secretary of Finance Larrisa Larson, employees and retirees that are enrolled will not be allowed

to make changes to current insurance coverages at this time, but will have that option in the future during open enrollment for the next period of coverage in 2019.

“We would also like to announce that with the increase of membership for the 2018 open enrollment Aetna has reduced the premium rates for the insurance plan by 0.75 percent effective July 1, 2018. Retirees and employees currently enrolled in the plan will see slight reductions in their payroll deductions for Aetna coverage. More importantly, the reduction in premiums for basic insurance will cost eligible employees \$0.00 with a deductible of \$1,500. This allows employees who do

not seek medical care often to have a form of coverage for dire emergencies and more,” Secretary Larson said.

Because of public concerns regarding health care coverage, Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres has prioritized the affordability of health care coverage.

“We are aware that health care coverage and its related costs are a significant area of concern for employees and retirees alike, and we continue to work with Aetna in providing quality health insurance coverage for government and autonomous agency employees across the CNMI. It is for that reason that our government has always absorbed a significant portion of the employer share for coverage as well,”

Governor Torres said.

Larson added that GHLI members who travel outside the United States, like the Philippines, will not have to pay the Outside USA/CNMI/Guam deductible.

“For patients that have to seek healthcare outside of the Commonwealth and with Aetna’s dedication to providing the best member experience when obtaining health care anywhere, Aetna has removed the outside the USA/CNMI/Guam deductible retro effective January 1, 2018. Aetna will be reprocessing claims for outside the CNMI in foreign jurisdictions and reimbursing subscribers for payments incurred. By removing this deductible, our members will have less disruption when receiving care and an easier understanding about their member responsibility at time of discharge. Members will be reimbursed their deductible amounts paid out of pocket.

Checks will be sent to the members mailing address per Aetna’s system. Please reach out to Pacifica Insurance to update your mailing address, if needed. If a member has a claim that has not been submitted to Aetna, we encourage all members to submit those claims to Aetna, including all required documentation. Please visit Pacifica to receive support in processing a claim,” she said.

“The continual improvement of healthcare insurance would not be possible with the support of the administration and the Legislature. The improved economy has allowed retirees that were once enrolled and had to terminate due to cuts to their pension and the high premiums to once again have insurance coverage,” she added.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD:

■ July 16 through Aug. 16,

- 2018
- Eligible transactions:
 - New, Active, and Retiree Subscribers and Eligible Dependents Only
 - Active Employees and eligible dependents not currently enrolled
 - Retirees not currently enrolled
 - Non-Eligible Transactions
 - Changing Plans
 - Adding eligible dependents

RETIREES:

This is the only period of time which you are eligible to enroll in coverage. At minimum, it is suggested that you enroll in the Base Plan.

■ Remember, if you are enrolled in Medicare, please update Aetna/Pacifica with this information upon enrollment.

■ Please review Primary versus Secondary coverage when enrolled in Medicare and/or other health insurance.

■ Please visit Pacifica Insurance for support with enrolling. **(PR)**

40 years of academic excellence at SCS

Saipan Community School will open its school doors for the 40th year on Aug. 6th, 2018. Faculty and staff will welcome students with new doors installed for our elementary classrooms, new technologies, and a fresh new look in many areas of the school.

In addition on July 26th and 27th SCS staff and parent volunteers are welcome to come serve as painters and landscapers to give the campus an updated look for its 40th year. SCS will continue to celebrate four decades of excellent education with many special activities throughout the 2018-19 school year.

“What an exciting year awaits us! We are blessed with an outstanding faculty and staff eager to continue the good works that started decades ago here on our won-

derful campus!” SCS principal Amanda Dunn said. “Through the efforts of many Saipan Community School families, friends, and ETC contributions, our campus is improving. And the generosity of our local companies have allowed us to provide so many more opportunities for our SCS students!”

Saipan Community School currently has open enrollment and serves students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade. In addition to the traditional academic classes, students are able to participate in school athletics, art, physical education classes, band and music class where students in 3rd-8th grade learn the beautiful art of playing the ukulele. Students also enjoy participating in activities such as Math Court, Academic Challenge Bowl, Scripps Spelling

Bee, speech competitions for PGFC and NJSDA, National Geography Bee, Mock Trial, and STEM Fair.

Saipan Community School is a private Christian school that began in 1976 as the first Protestant school on the island. Saipan Community School was officially established by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Saipan Community Church on November 28, 1978 as a non-profit educational institution.

If you are interested in learning more about Saipan Community School and/or the learning opportunities we offer from kindergarten through 8th grade, contact Dunn via email: principal@saipancommunityschool.com, call our offices at 234-6687, or come visit us on Beach Road in Susupe. **(PR)**

MHS SY 2019 student orientations schedule

Marianas High School will be conducting their school year 2018-2019 Student Orientations. Schedules are as follow:

■ Incoming freshmen and new transfer students (all grade levels): Aug. 8, 2018, 9am-12pm - School Gym

■ Ongoing Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors: Aug. 9, 2018. 9am-11am - School Gym

Registration is ongoing. Students will need to furnish a copy of their birth certificate, an updated health certificate, an updated student insurance,

a copy of their 8th grade diploma (incoming freshmen), an official transcript (if transferring from another high school) along with a completed registration form. Last day to register will be on July 26, 2018. **(PR)**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Noli Feria
Petitioner,
vs.
Celia Dizon
Respondent


) FCD-DI CIVIL
) ACTION NO.
) 17-0509
)
) **SUMMONS FOR
PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PPP 698 Box 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.


Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018.

/s/ Clerk of Court



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PUBLIC NOTICE


Pursuant to Section 5.1[1] of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's (NMHC) Section 8 Administrative Plan, this is to inform the general public that NMHC is opening its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program's (HCVP) waiting list starting **July 23, 2018**. The waitlist will remain open until it reaches its maximum number of applicants. Applications will be available on **July 23, 2018**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; Tinian Field Office in San Jose, Tinian; and the Rota Field Office in Songsong Village, Rota. You may also obtain the application at our website at www.nmhc.gov.net. Please submit your application in person at the NMHC Main Office on Saipan or the Field Offices on Tinian and Rota, from Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. NMHC is not accepting on-line submission of applications as of this time.

NMHC Main Office	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tinian Field Office	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rota Field Office	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NMHC Housing Specialists will review the applications and formally contact applicants to schedule an eligibility appointment. For more information, please contact NMHC at telephone numbers 234-6866 or 234-9447 (Saipan), 433-9213 (Tinian), or 532-9410 (Rota).

[1] NMHC shall issue a public notice advising the general public that applications for Section 8 are being accepted. The public notice shall contain the places, date(s), and time, application procedures and any limitations on who may apply and shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

“NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency”



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)
HOMELESS PREVENTION COALITION

**CNMI HOMELESS PREVENTION COALITION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition is soliciting project proposals from qualified and established organizations and agencies to apply for the CNMI Continuum of Care (CoC) grant through Funding Opportunity Number FR-6200-N-25, Primary CFDA #14.267 under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by non-profit providers, states and local government to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness (FR-6200-N-25 Program Description).

The proposal packets are available at the NMHC Central Office in Saipan during regular business hours from Monday thru Friday, except CNMI Holidays beginning Monday, July 16, 2018.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on July 31, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the NMHC Central Office Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to the NMHC Office attention CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition or emailed directly to Jacob Muna at jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp.

The proposal would be evaluated based on the following criteria(s):

RFP and Required Documentations	10%
Organizational Capacity	20%
Financial Management	20%
Project Plan	30%
Performance Measurement	20%

Proposers must seal and mark their proposals “2018 Continuum of Care Project”. Proposers must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed proposal and submitted to NMHC Central Office no later than 10:00 a.m. on August 16, 2018.

The CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of the CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals become the property of the CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition.

For more information, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, NMHC Planner at (670)234-7689 or (670)483-9447 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/
Vivian Sablan

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In Trump's America, federal property is fair game for destruction if the cause is right

President Donald Trump's pardon of two Oregon ranchers this week for willfully destroying federal property establishes a new level of impunity for anyone who is mad as hell and thinks it's OK to take the law into his own hands. In Trump's America, that's no problem as long as the vigilante is white, prone to carry guns and whose fashion sensibilities lean heavily toward cowboy hats or red caps that read, "MAGA."

The cause of Oregon cattle rancher Dwight Hammond and his son, Steven Hammond, inspired the 2016 takeover and occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The occupation, in which militiamen geared up for war and directly defied Obama administration authority over federal lands, lasted 41 days.

The Hammonds were under the mistaken impression that they should be allowed to run their business — grazing cattle for sale or slaughter — on the taxpayers' dime using taxpayer property instead of their own 13,000 acres of land in eastern Oregon. When they were told that they had to pay up, just like everyone else, for grazing their cattle on federal property, they revolted.

The Hammonds were convicted in 2001 of setting fire to more than 100 acres of federal land, and Steven Hammond was convicted of a similar offense in 2006. It was their 2012 conviction — under a 1996 anti-terrorism law passed in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing by terrorist vigilantes Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols — that ultimately sparked the Malheur protest.

A federal appeals court ruled in late 2015 that the sentence handed down for the Hammonds' previous offenses was improperly short, considering the anti-terrorism law's mandatory five-year minimum sentencing guideline. The court ordered them back to prison, after which the Malheur occupation began.

After the 2016 siege, investigators found dozens of guns and 15,000 rounds of ammunition at the site of the protest. There was no question that the group was preparing for a gun battle. Eleven of the 27 Malheur protesters pleaded guilty, admitting that they knew their method of protest was illegal.

But since their cause resonated with some of the more extremist elements among Trump's base, the president apparently had no problem pardoning the Hammonds.

Last August, he pardoned another infamous vigilante, former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was convicted of criminal contempt for defying a court order to stop racially profiling Hispanics in his campaign to hunt down and detain undocumented immigrants. Trump labeled Arpaio "an American patriot."

Trump's apparent image of an American hero is someone who thinks the law doesn't apply to him, which shouldn't be surprising considering the multiple ongoing investigations into illegal activity linked to Trump and his presidential campaign. The only problem is, when some Americans get the idea that they get to make their own laws, America steps closer to becoming a vigilante nation.

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Time for Congress to reassess the Insular Cases Doctrine

Downes vs. Bidwell and several related cases were decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1901 and the years following. These cases and their progeny established the basic case law governing the relationship between the United States proper (i.e. the States of the Union) and the "insular" territories acquired three years earlier. These territories—Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines—were acquired by conquest from Spain at the end of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

The Insular Cases addressed the seminal question regarding the political and constitutional status of the insular territories *vis-a-vis* the United States proper. At the time of its acquisition from Spain, the population of the Philippine Islands (situated halfway around the world) was already in the millions. Puerto Rico, somewhat smaller, also had a fairly large number of inhabitants. In this series of cases the Supreme Court was confronted with the novel but quite perplexing question: Whether "the [native] inhabitants" of these insular territories have the same constitutional rights as those persons residing within the States of the Union.

The Supreme Court had to initially decide the threshold question of whether the insular (i.e. offshore) territories, upon their acquisition in 1898, became "a part of the United States" for purposes of the U.S. Constitution. Or were these offshore territories simply "properties" owned by the United States in the Caribbean and the Pacific and subject to the plenary power and control of Congress?

Until the Insular Cases came along, as far as I am aware, this issue—whether the territories are or are not a part of the United States—never really arose. It did not arise, for example, when the Northwest Territory was acquired. It also did not arise with the acquisition of the "onshore territories" in the West and Southwest United States. At the time, it was simply assumed that, under the Territorial Clause of the U.S. Constitution, Congress had full, plenary powers over all the territories owned by the United States. Except for the various Indian tribes and the Indian Nations, which were neither states nor territories, all territorial acquisitions by the United States were under the plenary control of Congress, pursuant to the Territorial Clause.

After setting forth a fairly extensive analysis (historical and constitutional) of the issues presented, the Supreme Court ultimately decided that Puerto Rico was not a part of the United States for purposes of the customs laws of the United States. Therefore, goods imported from Puerto Rico into New York were subject to tariff under U.S. customs laws, unless Congress decides otherwise.

By **JOSE S. DELA CRUZ**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jose S. Dela Cruz is a former chief justice of the CNMI Supreme Court.



The Supreme Court simply concluded that Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines were "unincorporated" territories, because they were "not destined for statehood." How it reached this conclusion was somewhat mystifying. It appears that the justices viewed the inhabitants of these island territories as primitive and uncivilized, and they apparently would never become a state. It noted that the island inhabitants have a primitive culture, different values and strange customs quite different from those of the United States. Because of those differences, it decided that certain provisions of the Constitution (including certain fundamental provisions thereof) were not applicable to Puerto Rico and the other insular territories.

Congress soon enacted the Foraker Act establishing a civil, government for the territory of Puerto Rico, but as an unincorporated territory still. In contrast, the island of Guam was placed under the complete control of the U.S. Navy. The people of Guam became "subjects" of the United States for over 50 years, without any civil government being established for that island. Since they were not a part of the United States and they were not destined for statehood, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines in effect became colonies of the United States, just as the Northern Marianas had been a colony of Spain, before being sold to Germany.

It was not until half a century later—in 1950—that the U.S. Congress enacted the Organic Act of Guam, which established, for the first time, a semblance of civil government for the territory of Guam and conferred United States citizenship on the inhabitants of Guam. Under the Organic Act, Guam became an organized territory of the United States for the first time, but remained an unincorporated territory, subject to the plenary powers of Congress. And because Guam was still treated by Congress "as a territory not destined for statehood," not all of the provisions of the U.S. Constitution apply to Guam.

So for over 100 years now, the people of the insular territories have lived under the umbrella of the Insular Cases and the plenary powers of Congress over the territories. Certain of the fundamental provisions of the U.S. Constitution still, to this very day, do not apply to the four millions U.S. citizens residing in Puerto Rico and the other U.S. territories. The insular territories (as opposed to the 50 states) have now increased to include the CNMI, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

But depending on who you ask, the Insular Cases doctrine is
See TIME on Next Page

Documenting my father's route to becoming an American

On the dining room table before me is a rumpled piece of paper, barely bigger than a sticky note. It is the reason that I exist.

The "Alien Head-Tax Receipt" recorded the fare paid by my grandmother at what was then called the Mexican Border District.

To me it's precious, like the companion she had with her that day—my then-infant father—as she crossed from Mexico northward into the United States.

Purple stamped ink gives the details: "Feb. 7, 1918. Admitted. Destination, El Paso." She paid an \$8 fee to the United States Immigration Service.

I can't stop looking at it, along with the other precious papers of my father's life: his Mexico City birth and baptism records, military papers from his U.S. Navy service during World War II, and the exclamation mark to his story, the naturalization certificate when he became a U.S. citizen.

Like a lot of people who are aware of their family history, the documented kind, not family lore — I'm deeply troubled by the day-to-day assaults on the character of current Latino immigrants.

First-, second- and third-generation offspring can imagine drastically different outcomes that might have come about if an immigrant ancestor had been less lucky. What if the draconian policies of the Trump administration had been in place then?

What if my father had been taken from his mother's arms that day? What if, he had been locked into some kind of shelter, hundreds of miles from her? Would he have been emotionally scarred, stunted in his development like some among the 2,000 separated children of today?

How would such trauma have affected the rest of my father's

life? Would he have met my mother? Would he have developed his career as one of the best chefs in Kansas City, skilled in French cuisine? Would his life have unfolded so richly? Would mine?

The visa that accompanied my grandmother's head-tax receipt is interesting because of what it doesn't show: grandmother's face. It's been scratched and torn off. But you can see my father wearing a little bonnet and her hand holding his. He's not smiling.

Years later, long after her death, I was told by her elderly sister why my grandmother left Mexico City as a 22-year-old. Her husband, my grandfather, was abusive. Did her photo that day reflect the aftermath of the violence on her face?

The accompanying visa paperwork was stamped Permanent. Neither she nor my father ever returned to Mexico.

A woman in her situation would face a different welcome today. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has deemed that domestic violence is not a reasonable basis for asylum.

Not that she could seek it then. The myriad of visas, of regulations we have now didn't exist.

Rather, the Immigration Act of 1917 had just passed. It was a sweeping piece of legislation that enacted literacy tests. But Mexicans weren't the target. Nope, the eugenics movement and a burgeoning nativist fury wanted to keep Asians out. I know. It's laughable now, given the record of academic and entrepreneurial achievement among Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong and Japanese immigrants to this country.

Both our immigration policy and law have long been buffeted this way and that by the whims of the U.S. populace, of opportunistic politicians and of employers looking for a ready supply of cheap labor. They have not always aligned with principles of fairness or economic rationality.

voted, and why I voted, on every bill. And I will push to make all of this information, from campaign funding and financial interests to voting decisions, more open and available to you, from all public officials.

I will consult with you, and I will listen. Transparent and accountable government depends on active and informed citizens, and I will regularly share updates with you about our work in the legislature, and listen to your concerns and ideas. I will do this through monthly precinct meetings, social media, and the development of a new civic leadership training program to build our capacity to advocate for the changes we want to see in the Marianas.

I will put the well-being of our community first. In appropriations, I will champion investments in our health care system, public safety, infrastructure, education and workforce training, village revitalization, and the protection of our natural, cultural, and historic resources. I will fight to repeal the 80 percent salary increase for lawmakers, and oppose lavish pay hikes for top executive officials. I will push for a fair and reasonable casino gaming tax, and to restore the Earned Income Tax Credit to help struggling families. I will work to expand services and opportunities for our veterans, military personnel, and their families. And I will advocate constantly for well-planned development that benefits our entire community and respects our island culture and environment.

Values, experience, and education

I have worked in public service throughout my life, guided by the values that my parents, Eugenio and Carmela, raised me with: honesty, integrity, respect, and commitment to the long-term benefit of our community. I was born on Saipan, and grew up in Chalan Kanoa and Tanapag. I now reside in Susupe.

woman." But as we are all too painfully aware, in any government (but especially so with our National Government), it is political power that carries the day and which makes all the difference.

Sadly (indeed embarrassingly), in the very birthplace of democracy (where equal protection of the laws, due process and human rights are synonymous with the highest ideals of America) millions of U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico and the other U.S. territories still cannot vote for the U.S. President. To this day, they do not have any real voting representation in Congress. The roughly four million U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico have only one single delegate to Congress, while some of the smallest States (with less than a million residents) have at least two, three, or even four members in the U.S. House of Representatives, plus two senators. This unfairness in representation continues because Congress, for over a hundred years now, has not undertaken any meaningful and constructive action to improve the political status of the four million U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico and the other territories.

To the extent that it has plenary authority over the territories, Congress has a fundamental obligation to look into, examine thoroughly and undertake all necessary action that will once and for all remove the vestiges of colonialism in America, as evident in its treatment of the territories over the past century. Every citizen under the U.S. flag should be treated equally, in accordance with the principles of

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Take the recent news that some immigrant members of the U.S. military have been drummed out of service, appropriately discharged for nebulous reasons that appear to be more about being foreign born than a provable threat.

Our military has long been infused with foreign-born soldiers. It's part of our strength, particularly in recent years with the need for language skills and knowledge of differing cultures.

My father received his citizenship partly with the help and paperwork of the U.S. Navy following his service on Dec. 27, 1946. The idea that anyone would ever question his loyalty to this country is offensive.

Just as it is for so many other immigrants who came before and after him, and many of those who are arriving each day at U.S. ports. They deserve a fair chance to migrate legally.

Loss, heartache and trauma is embedded within the immigrant experience. But be clear about this too.

Immigrants, by definition, are a cut above. Only the extraordinary dare to make the journey. And therein resides the potential for their greatest gifts to this land as new Americans.

Presently, I am the deputy communications director and outreach coordinator for our Delegate to U.S. Congress, Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan. I have previously served as a member of the 16th Northern Marianas House of Representatives, television news reporter and anchor for KSPN2, program manager for the Commonwealth Cancer Association, and environmental specialist and waste reduction coordinator for the Division of Environmental Quality.

I hold a Master's degree in urban and regional planning (University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2016), a graduate certificate in conflict resolution (UH Manoa, 2016), and a Bachelor of Science in conservation science (College of Santa Fe, 2003).

My pledge to you

If I am elected, my pledge to you is to honor the trust that you give me, and to represent you honestly, with integrity, and with the well-being of our community in mind.

Together we can take better care of our precinct and our islands. We can make our government more transparent and responsive to our needs. And we can build a safer, healthier, and more beautiful Marianas that we will be proud to pass on to our children.

Contact me

For more information about the campaign, to set up a meeting, or to share your concerns and ideas for a better community, please call me at 285-3935 or email tinassablan@gmail.com. You can also find me on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, @votetinasablan. I hope to hear from you, and I thank you for your support.

Tina Sablan

Susupe

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Here is what you can expect of me

I am running for a seat in the House of Representatives, Precinct 2, because, like you, I love our islands and our people, and I am deeply concerned about the direction we are headed as a community.

I want to help get us on a path to a safer, healthier, and more beautiful Marianas that we can be proud of.

I firmly believe that we can and should work to create an economy that raises the quality of life for us all.

And I am committed to building a government that is transparent and accountable, one that works for all the people it represents, rather than the special interests of a few.

I am asking for your support, and for your partnership, to work towards this vision of a better Marianas, together.

Here is what you can expect of me, as your representative in the Legislature:

I will be open and transparent with you. Campaign finance reports should be accessible and open records prior to elections. Currently, they are not; I will post mine publicly before the election as well as after. The statements of financial interest that elected and appointed government officials submit to the Public Auditor should be disclosed to the public. Currently, they are not; I will disclose mine. Furthermore, the voting records of all our lawmakers should be readily available. Currently, they are not. If I am elected, I will let you know how I

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either good or bad for the people of the insular territories. For example, it is because of the Insular Cases doctrine that the CNMI's restrictive land alienation law was allowed to stand, to the great dismay of those CNMI residents who are not of NMI descent. The Insular Cases doctrine also found it permissible for the territorial legislature to decide when a defendant is entitled to a trial by jury. Finally, under the Insular Cases ruling, the "one-person, one-vote" rule required for both houses of a state legislature does not apply to the CNMI Senate. The underlying basis for these exceptions rested on the court's reasoning that the insular territories are not destined for statehood and, therefore, not all of the provisions of the Constitution apply *ex proprio vigore* (i.e. "of their own force").

Those who are against the Insular Cases doctrine say that the territorial inhabitants are treated as second-class U.S. citizens; that the doctrine is a vestige of, if not a perpetuation of, colonialism. Although they are U.S. citizens, territorial inhabitants cannot vote for the President of the United States. U.S. citizens in the territories are also not officially represented in the U.S. Congress, be it the House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate. What Congress allowed the territories to have is a "non-voting delegate to Congress" who we sometimes refer to politely as "Congressman/






democracy upon which the United States was founded.

It is not only timely and appropriate, but mandatory, for Congress to immediately commission a review of the Insular Cases doctrine; and introduce a proposed constitutional amendment that will provide a constitutional remedy recognizing the right of every U.S. citizens (including those in the territories) to be treated fairly and equally. The days when the doctrine of "separate but equal" was the law has long been declared unconstitutional. It is long overdue for Congress to turn its attention to the Insular Cases Doctrine and propose a constitutional amendment to correct the unfairness in its treatment of territorial citizens, as well as provide territorial citizens with the right to vote in national elections.

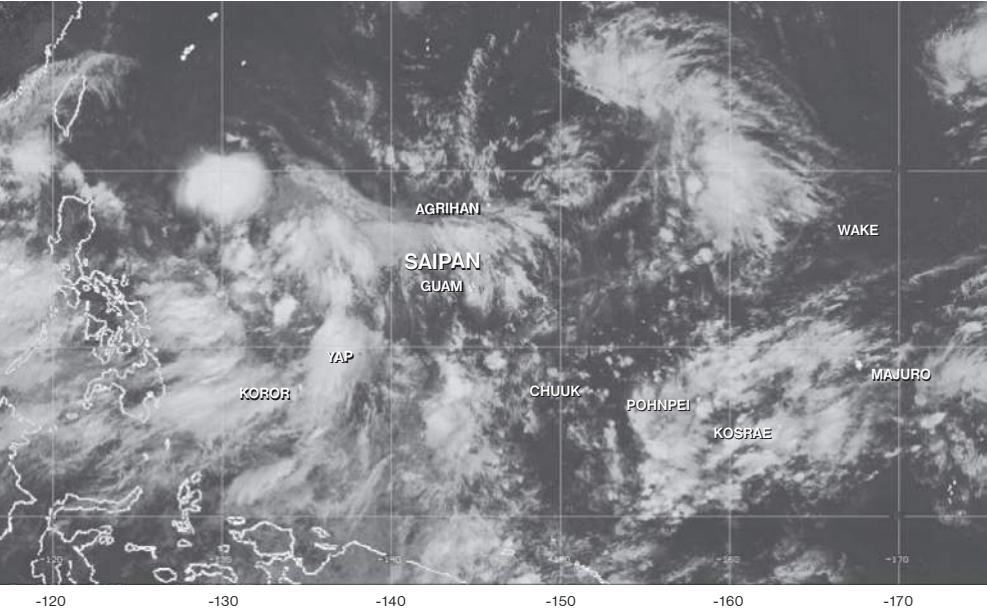
The Congress should no longer permit the continuation and perpetuation of modern day colonialism in America. Congress might wish to start off by enacting federal legislation that declares that Puerto Rico and the other U.S. territories are now incorporated territories immediately. At the same time, Congress should establish a Congressional commission with respect to the U.S. territories. Such commission should undertake a comprehensive review regarding the present political and constitutional anomalies being practiced under the doctrine of "unincorporation," a term coined by the Supreme Court in 1901 in lieu of "colonialism," which in turn is the term used for empire-building by Western powers for several hundred years before World War II.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°	▲89° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 12:26 PM, SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Thick cirrus clouds are seen across the Marianas, drifting down from the north. Isolated showers are mainly passing through CNMI waters with thunderstorms located farther north and northwest within a southeast flow heading into a slowly-developing circulation near 20N133E that remains the subject of a TCFA by the JTWC. A monsoon trough extends from the circulation, southeastward between Yap and Guam to western Chuuk State. An upper-level trough along 20N extends eastward to an elongated upper-level low centered near 23N152E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	57° / 50°	
Beijing	Thunderstorm	91° / 79°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	91° / 82°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°	
London	Partly Cloudy	82° / 63°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	83° / 69°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	
Melbourne	Sunny	57° / 39°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°	
New York	Mostly Sunny	87° / 74°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	84° / 63°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°	
Rome	Sunny	91° / 70°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	91° / 73°	
San Francisco	Sunny	67° / 57°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	88° / 73°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	90° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	92° / 76°	



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:15 AM	LOW TIDE	1.03	
9:09 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.00	
4:25 PM	LOW TIDE	0.46	
11:16 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.07	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Monday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Monday	8:53 AM	9:45 PM	-
Tuesday	9:52 AM	10:32 PM	-
Wednesday	10:49 AM	11:16 PM	-
Thursday	11:43 AM	11:58 PM	-
Friday	12:35 PM	-	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018				
DEPARTURES				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Interior provides \$2.3M in FY 2018 allocations for CNMI

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, this week announced \$2,310,326 in fiscal year 2018 grant funding for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

“Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and I are both pleased to support the people of the CNMI and Governor Ralph Torres on a wide variety of projects,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “Funding provided by Congress continues to make a great impact in small and big ways in the U.S. territories, as is demonstrated by the variety of projects this year for the CNMI.”

Programs funded in the CNMI under the Technical Assistance Program for FY 2018 follow:

■ \$363,465 to Department of Public Works (DPW) for the Zero Waste Initiative: Island Composting Program. The first year of this program reduces the burden placed on the Marpi Landfill by diverting green waste, yard waste, and food scraps into organic matter that will eventually be decomposed, recycled and eventually used as a fertilizer and soil amendment, key ingredients for organic farming.

■ \$357,966 to Department of Public Works funding for the first year of the CNMI Recycling Redemption Facility Revitalization Program. The facility will expand and streamline the current capabilities of the government-run recycling facility to include the redemption of aluminum cans and the recycling of

rubber tires off-islands on all three populated islands of the Commonwealth: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

■ \$79,921 to Department of Public Works to purchase an Aeronautical Reconnaissance Coverage Geographic Information System program software/hardware and training. The program will empower DPW in the area of planning, mitigation, flood zone determination/delineation and decision making in the event of disasters.

■ \$297,077 to the Office on Substance Abuse and Drug Rehabilitation for a licensed and certified psychiatrist to assist with the organization and management of rehabilitation programs. Clients at the transitional housing or residential program will be able to receive adequate psychiatric services, sheltered counseling, and intervention treatment to reduce chemical dependency on drugs.

■ \$250,000 to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to upgrade CHC Electronic Health Record software that will allow for better patient care delivery via routine monitoring and reporting, as well as result in quick processing of claims for revenue and collection.

■ \$210,000 to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to replace and upgrade its maternal and fetal monitoring equipment in the Labor and Delivery Ward. These monitors are essential life-saving medical equipment for all babies born in the CNMI.

■ \$172,949 to the Rota Mayor's Office for the Aquaponics System Phase II to include the introduction of additional vegetable varieties

and varying aquatic life and program amenities to enhance the program's sustainability.

■ \$77,685 to the CNMI Medical Referral Office for Acquisition of a Retrofitted Wheelchair Accessible Van for the transport of its transitional and long-term care CNMI patients receiving medical treatment and care on Guam.

■ \$68,472 to the CNMI Medical Referral Office for Utilization Review Nurse Acquisition. This will allow for review of all patient records, treatments plans and relative costs for patient care prior to final processing for medical payments. The UR Nurse shall safeguard the CNMI from paying excessive charges for patient care services.

■ \$60,365 to the Office of Public Auditor Continuing Professional Development Training for personnel, including the Audit section and the Investigation section.

■ \$49,699 to the Office of Transit Authority Bus Route for Team Professional Development and training of transit operators and transportation information specialist.

■ \$26,050 to the Office of Attorney General to develop its first Child Support Guidelines. These guidelines will set directives for judges, attorneys, and the public to ensure a fair and reasonable child support amount.

Programs funded in the CNMI under the Maintenance Assistance Program for FY 2018 follow:

■ \$213,232 to the Department of Public Works to acquire a Motor Grader for the Division of Roads and

Grounds.

■ \$83,445 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to acquire a new tractor for the Ma'afala Breadfruit program initiative. The tractor will be used to prepare and

maintain 40,000 square meters of farmland and over 1,000 breadfruit seedlings, an important food crop for the CNMI.

Funds are made available through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular

Affairs. Applications are submitted from October through May 1st each year. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted. (PR)



TINIAN WRITERS WORKSHOP

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Thanks to support from the Tinian Mayor's Office and staff, and Friends of the Library, Tinian's first ever Writers Workshop on Friday, July 13, 2018 was a resounding success with over 20 registrants and staff in attendance. Thanks also to Lina Cabrera (VIP car service) and Edwin Cabrera. Shown in photo are Gene Borja, Julie Sablan (library supervisor), Euneen Mendiola, Elaine Delacruz, Malena Hofschneider, Wayne Lizama, Alexis Hofschneider Kwon, Tania Mendiola, Walt Goodridge (presenter), Cassandra Randolph, (Vicky Hall hidden), Ryana Diaz, Nicole Ashley Diaz, Nikki Cepeda, Melanie Cruz, Denise Cruz, Rochelle Cruz, Ringo Reyes, Jovita SN Paulino, Nikki Cepeda, Cheryl Evangelista, and Terence Aquiningoc.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of)
the Estate of)
) CIVIL
GEORGE CRUZ) ACTION
DUENAS,) NO. 18-0117
)
Deceased.)

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Teodoro I. Albia has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of George Cruz Duenas, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on August 16, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of George Cruz Duenas, deceased, and to all person claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the date of first publications of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

Dated: July 9, 2018

/s/ Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge

Board of Trustees
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Tinian Health Center Conference Room.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
 - Adoption of April 26, 2018 Executive and Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Adoption of May 1, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
 - Adoption of May 17, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
 - Adoption of May 24, 2018 Executive and Special Meeting Minutes
 - Adoption of June 15, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
 - Adoption of June 25, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Reports
 - A. Management and Operations
 - B. Financial Statement
 - C. CHCC Budget
 - D. Malpractice Insurance
 - E. CMS & ECRI Dashboard Update
 - F. QAPI Report
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Medical Staff By-Laws
 - B. Solar Energy
 - C. USDA Loan
 - D. MPLT Repayment
 - E. CHCC Strategic Plan Update
 - F. CUC
- VIII. New Business
 - A. VA Telemedicine
- IX. To vote and approve Application for Privileges for the following individuals:
New Applicants: 1.) Dr. Max Bronfield; 2) Dr. Kelly Gray; 3) Dr. Michael Diehl.
Renewal Applicants: 1) Dr. Neda Farzan; 2) Dr. John Yarofalir; 3) Sarah Allen; 4) Dr. Francois Claassens; 5) Dr. Gregory Kotheimer
Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session to consult with legal counsel.
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-18

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation and an instrumentality of the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is soliciting proposals from qualified persons or firms to provide Risk Management Consultant Services for the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Request for Proposal (RFP) package may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning June 15, 2018, from Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Deadline for submission of all proposals is Friday, July 16, 2018, before 2:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (Saipan Time). All proposals must be addressed to Christopher S. Tenorio, Executive Director and submitted to his office, mentioned above.

Deadline for submission of all questions and clarifications (RFI) is June 29, 2018. All questions should be submitted via email to chris.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp with copy to atudela@cpa.gov.mp.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date: June 07, 2018

UOG's CEDDERS secures five years of federal funding

The University of Guam's Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research, and Service has been awarded \$2.74 million in federal grant assistance from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The grant will serve as the base funding for the center, providing \$547,000 per year.

The funding will allow CEDDERS to continue its mission to "create partnerships and pathways to increase the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families."

Through its core functions—interdisciplinary training, technical assistance, research, and dissemination of information—CEDDERS supports the full inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of the community life. The grant will primarily support interdisciplinary training and technical assistance to the community.

"The five-year workplan we highlighted in our grant application was based on input from self-advocates, their parents, and service-providing entities in an effort to really target and

serve the unique needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in Guam," said Dr. Heidi San Nicolas, director of CEDDERS.

One of those unique needs, she said, is serving a culturally and linguistically diverse population.

"This core grant funding will help us focus on three areas of emphasis including the showcasing of assistive technology products that have a universal, culturally competent design," San Nicolas said. In addition to assistive technology, the grant award's

focus areas include quality assurance and early intervention/education.

The core grant enables CEDDERS to apply for other grants and contracts to fund the center's numerous projects. UOG CEDDERS has generated more than \$135 million in funding in its past 25 years as a nationally designated Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

"UOG CEDDERS is one of the most prolific grant-writing and grant-winning units at UOG," said UOG President Robert A. Underwood. "This



From left, Dr. Robert A. Underwood, president of the University of Guam; Heidi San Nicolas, director of UOG's Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service; and Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, senior vice president of Academic Affairs for UOG at the 25th anniversary party for CEDDERS on Feb. 13 at The Westin Resort Guam.

hard work has resulted in the availability of numerous — often times, life-changing — technologies and services for individuals with developmental disabilities in Guam and throughout the region."

Among CEDDERS projects are a demonstration system supporting the acquisition and use of assistive technologies and an early hearing detection and intervention program for all newborns. The center is also influential in the region, providing technical assistance and on-site support for disability programs in the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

cation, Research and Service is one of 67 nationally designated Centers of Excellence funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the U.S. federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services responsible for implementing and administering the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.

CEDDERS houses a number of projects and engages in multiple partnerships, including with the Leadership in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities program at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, and with the Speech Pathology Master's Level training program with San Jose State University. Please visit www.guamcedders.org for more information, resources, and upcoming events. (PR)



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The staff of the University of Guam's Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research, and Service staff at the center's 25th anniversary celebration on Feb. 13 at The Westin Resort Guam. From left, Bernadine Reyes, student office assistant; Nancy Cueto, fiscal manager; EDLynn Beyond, student office assistant; Jenika Ballesta, research associate; Tia Pereda, office technician; Jef Limtiaco, grant specialist; June De Leon, associate director; Dr. Heidi San Nicolas, director; Bonnie Brandt, training associate; Dr. Robert A. Underwood, UOG president; Vera Blaz, training associate; Ruth Leon Guerrero, office technician; Margaret Johnson, data and developed products assistant; Joseph John Mendiola, interoperability data manager; Leah Abelon, research associate; Dolores Cruz, grant budget supervisor; Shawni Acfalle, assistive technology center assistant; Marie Wusstig, training associate; and Keith Villaluna, Data Specialist.

Interior provides \$667K for FY 2018 funding to Marshall Islands

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, this week announced \$667,000 in fiscal year 2018 grant funding for the Republic of the Marshall Islands. This year's funding will provide for two reverse osmosis units and the provision of fresh water for the people of Utrok Atoll, considered one of the driest atolls in the Marshall Islands, and strengthen the management of water and wastewater utilities on Majuro, the capital of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and I are happy to support President Hilda Heine and the people of the Marshall Islands with these important water projects," said Assistant Secretary Domenech.

Fiscal year 2018 grant awards to the Republic of the Marshall Islands follow:

■ Majuro Water & Sewer Company (MWSC) - \$116,000 to be used to develop a geographic information system (GIS) to integrate structural and topographical

» Provides two reverse osmosis units for Utrok Atoll and strengthens management of water and wastewater supply and utilities in Majuro

information on all utility assets, such as for a Geospatial Asset Location and Cataloging Project of assets such as water and sewer pipes, meter vaults, pumping stations, water reservoirs and sewage tanks for more efficient management. The MWSC provides water and sanitation to approximately 30,000 people on the island of Majuro. Funding includes consultant services, GIS licensing, and equipment. The timeline for the project is 18 months.

The MWSC will receive an additional \$327,000 for an Airport Runway Cleanliness and Efficiency Program. The Amata Kabua International Airport runway on Majuro, 76 acres of paved surface, also serves as the largest and most critical rainwater catchment system for the population of Majuro. Funding would provide for equipment to clean the airport runway catchments and corresponding drains on

a regular basis to reduce and remove all sediments flowing into the utility's reservoirs. This equipment will be funded by the Maintenance Assistance Program.

■ Utrok Atoll Local Government Reverse Osmosis Water Project - \$224,099 for the acquisition of two new Reverse Osmosis (RO) units. A population of approximately 500 people living on Utrok Atoll currently rely on two RO units that produce approximately 3,000 gallons per day. The two new units will help prolong the life of current systems and reduce the wear and tear, extending the ability of current systems and continue to meet the needs of the people. Utrok is approximately 300 miles away from the capitol Majuro. Funding includes two new RO units, contractual labor, and a boat charter.

Funds are provided through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs

Technical and Maintenance Assistance Programs. Applications are submitted from October through May 1st each year. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted.

The Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, and the Office of Insular Affairs carry out the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities for the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Additionally, OIA administers and oversees Federal assistance under the Compacts of Free Association to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. OIA supports the Secretary's mission of Fulfilling Trust and Insular Responsibilities through balancing efforts and limited resources towards stronger economic and health capacities, and fiscal accountability in the U.S. insular areas. (PR)

UOG graduate student selected for Marine Policy Fellowship in DC

A Guam native has been selected for the first time as a finalist for the John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, a one-year fellowship in which participants gain hands-on experience at host government offices in Washington, D.C., transferring science to policy and management. Lauren Swaddell, a graduate student



Knauss

view with executive or legislative offices. She will begin her one-year appointment in February.

"I'm honored to be selected as Guam's first Knauss fellow, and I'm looking forward to the valuable experience I will gain to make a difference for our island," Swaddell said.

She will be joint-studying environmental science at the University of Guam, was one of 66 finalists announced on July 11.

Finalists were chosen through a highly competitive process that included several rounds of review at both the local and national levels.

"We're very proud of Ms. Swaddell as she enters this prestigious fellowship, and we're pleased that the National Sea Grant College Program continues to support the growth and success of UOG Sea Grant," said UOG president Robert A. Underwood.

Swaddell will travel to Washington, D.C., this fall to inter-

ing finalists representing 30 of the 33 Sea Grant programs across the nation to comprise the 40th class of the fellowship program.

Since 1979, the National Sea Grant College Program has provided more than 1,200 early-career professionals with one-year fellowships in federal government offices in Washington, D.C.

Swaddell also serves as a graduate research assistant at UOG Sea Grant and the UOG Center for Island Sustainability. She holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Hunter College City University of New York. (PR)

Pohnpei nurses train in Guam under UOG School of Nursing

Six nurses from Pohnpei received certificates of completion today for an intensive 10-day training program at Guam Memorial Hospital under the University of Guam School of Nursing & Health Sciences.

"This was an amazing collaboration that will directly improve the quality of the FSM's existing and upcoming health care workforce as well as the health of their people," said Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, dean of UOG's School of Nursing & Health Sciences. "And when

» Exchange proves mutually beneficial

the islands of Micronesia are strong individually, our region is stronger as a whole."

The training opportunity came about following the annual visit of the Guam/Micronesia Area Health Education Center to its sister office at the College of Micronesia-FSM in Pohnpei. The AHEC is a grant program that has been administered by UOG's School of Nursing & Health Sciences the past nine years with the goal of improving the quality of health care in underserved communities by increasing the number and skills of health care workers.

Many of the health care workers in the Federated States of Micronesia have inadequate foundational training and are trained on-site by others working in the same position, according to a cancer control plan published by the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs.

"It's beneficial for our local nurses and nurse educators as well," said Zennia Pecina, the director of Nursing at GMH. "GMH sees a lot of patients from other islands, and the exchange has been good training in terms of cultural sensitivity



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Six nurses from Pohnpei underwent training at the University of Guam and Guam Memorial Hospital from July 2 to 12. From left, Jessica Kerman, emergency room nurse, Pohnpei State Hospital; Zennia Pecina, director of Nursing, GMH; Wesihner John, obstetrics and pediatrics nurse; Aireen Ezekias, surgical nurse, both from Pohnpei State Hospital; Rudelyn Dacanay, nursing instructor, College of Micronesia-FSM; Mary Victor, nurse midwife, Pohnpei State Hospital; and Garnette Gorospe, nursing instructor, College of Micronesia-FSM.

with matters of health care."

Four nurses from Pohnpei State Hospital—one each from the labor and delivery, emergency room, surgical, and obstetrics and pediatrics departments—and two nursing educators from the associate in nursing and nursing assistant degree programs at the College of Micronesia arrived in Guam on July 1.

"The intent was that they needed to come to Guam with an idea of an improvement project at their hospital or school," Hattori-Uchima said. "They did a great job. They all had really great ideas."

School of Nursing faculty Dr. Kathryn Wood, Dr. James Finch, and Veronica Alave conducted a day of training

and simulation exercises on health assessments, infection control, and delivering babies with limited resources. The participants were then assigned to appropriate units at GMH to shadow nurses on areas of specific interest, including triage, wound care, and infection control, and to learn how to use certain equipment, like an electrocardiogram.

"Training is really a strength of GMH nurses," Pecina said. "Most of them are UOG graduates, so they were trained well. This partnership allowed them to use the same training techniques for the benefit of the region."

The training opportunity was funded by the Charles H. Parent Scholarship through

the UOG Endowment Foundation. The scholarship is intended to help students from Micronesia obtain bachelor's degrees in nursing at UOG, although the scholarship has been underutilized by Micronesian nursing students, with just two students from Chuuk graduating in the past year.

"I approached the Endowment Board with a proposal for the scholarship funds that would honor what Parent would have wanted—he had a big heart for Micronesia," Hattori-Uchima said. "They approved it the same day."

Travel for the nurses was funded by the AHEC grant office in Pohnpei.

During a debriefing meeting at the conclusion of their training, the nurses shared how much they had learned and what they plan to implement

back at their hospital.

"I learned more about patient bedside care, infection control, and new technologies they're using," said Wesihner John, an obstetrics and pediatrics nurse at Pohnpei State Hospital. "It's about time for us to make changes in our hospital. What we learned here we can go back and use to improve patient care and the settings in our workplace."

The UOG School of Nursing wants to extend this training to other islands in Micronesia next year. Yap and the Marshall Islands have expressed interest in training opportunities for their nurses and associate degree candidates.

"The Endowment Foundation has agreed if it goes well, we can ask for more funding next year," Hattori-Uchima said. (PR)



Dr. James Finch, a nursing instructor at the University of Guam, looks on as Jessica Kerman, an emergency room nurse from Pohnpei State Hospital, performs a procedure during a training session on helping newborns to breathe. Kerman was one of six nurses to attend a 10-day training arranged by UOG's School of Nursing & Health Sciences.



Mary Victor, a nurse midwife from Pohnpei State Hospital, receives a certificate of completion following her 10-day training at Guam Memorial Hospital. From left, Veronica Alave, nursing instructor, University of Guam's School of Nursing & Health Sciences; Rhodora Cruz, registered nurse, GMH; Victor; Zennia Pecina, director of Nursing, GMH; and Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, dean, UOG's School of Nursing & Health Sciences.



From left, Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, dean, University of Guam's School of Nursing & Health Sciences; Rudelyn Dacanay, nursing instructor, College of Micronesia-FSM; Jessica Kerman, emergency room nurse; Wesihner John, obstetrics and pediatrics nurse; Aireen Ezekias, surgical nurse; Mary Victor, nurse midwife, all from Pohnpei State Hospital; Garnette Gorospe, nursing instructor, College of Micronesia-FSM; and Zennia Pecina, director of Nursing, GMH.

Business

Lobbying firm sought envoys help to salvage Russian firm

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. lobbying firm sought to recruit the ambassadors of France, Germany and several other countries to demonstrate international support for severing Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska's control of Rusal, the aluminum manufacturing giant sanctioned by Washington.

Documents made public by the Justice Department show that Mercury LLC drafted messages for at least six envoys to send to senior U.S. government officials that expressed support for a plan to eliminate Deripaska's majority stake in the EN+ Group, the holding company that owns nearly 50 percent of Rusal.

The records are the latest installment in a drama full of international intrigue.

Deripaska's close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin are under a microscope while unintended targets of the U.S. penalties struggle with the punishment's impact. Leading the way, in an odd twist, is a conservative member of Britain's House of Lords, Gregory Barker, who hired

Mercury to salvage Rusal and EN+ by casting Deripaska as the heavy.

It's unclear how many of the ambassadors sent the messages. But Jamaica's envoy did, underscoring concerns about the future of a Rusal-owned factory on the Caribbean island.

When the Treasury imposed sanctions on Deripaska a few months ago, EN+ and Rusal were blacklisted too because of the cascading nature of the penalties. It fell to Barker, who was installed less than a year ago as chairman of EN+'s board, to persuade the Trump administration to lift the sanctions against both companies. To do that, he will have to assure the U.S. that Deripaska is no longer calling the shots at EN+ or Rusal.

Barker, a former British energy minister, signed a contract with Mercury in early May—a month after the Treasury Department announced the sanctions. Mercury is to earn \$108,500 every four weeks, according to the contract, to support Barker's efforts to negotiate Deripaska's exit from the EN+ board and "the reduc-

tion of his ownership interest in the company."

Anders Aslund, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and an expert on Russia's economic policy, said there can be only two possible owners of Rusal: the Russian government or Deripaska. That's because the aluminum company's main assets are giant smelters in east Siberia, a reality he said Treasury officials failed to grasp.

"It appears to me that both parties play the game now: Deripaska reduces his public exposure and the Treasury (Department) pretends that it is satisfied, gradually easing the sanctions," Aslund said.

The letters prepared for the envoys said Deripaska, not the companies, is the "true target" of the U.S. sanctions. He's already resigned from the EN+ board. The Treasury Department has set a late October deadline for his 70 percent stake in EN+ to be cut back to less than 50 percent. The "path for the United States to provide sanctions relief," the department said, is through Deripaska's divestment and relinquishment of control.

its processes related to diversity and inclusion. And he said senior managers will hold "listening sessions" to give employees a platform for any concerns. "Papa John's is not an individual. Papa John's is a pizza company with 120,000 corporate and franchise team members around the world," he said in a statement. Schnatter came under fire this week after a Forbes report that he used the N-word during a media training conference call in May. When asked how he would distance himself from racist groups, Schnatter reportedly complained that Colonel Sanders never faced a backlash for using the word.

WeWork takes meat off the menu at company events

NEW YORK (AP)—Office space sharing company WeWork says it is no longer serving red or white meat at company events. In an email to employees Thursday, co-founder and Chief Creative Officer Miguel McKelvey said the company won't serve pork, poultry or red meat, and it won't allow employees to expense meals that include those meats to the company. Fish will stay on the menu. McKelvey said the change means WeWork will use less water and produce less carbon dioxide as well as saving the lives of animals. The company said employees are welcome to bring whatever food they want to work. The policy is effective immediately and also applies to the company's Summer Camp gathering in the United Kingdom in August. McKelvey wrote that WeWork could save 10,000 animals by eliminating meat at the upcoming Summer Camp event. It has 6,000 employees and some 5,000 attended the event in 2017.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

McDonald's removing salads from 3,000 stores after illness

CHICAGO (AP)—McDonald's is stopping the sale of salads at 3,000 restaurants after people became sick from a parasite causing intestinal illness. The Chicago-based fast-food chain said Friday it's acting "out of an abundance of caution" until switching to another supplier. Health officials in Illinois and Iowa say they've identified roughly 100 combined cases of cyclosporiasis apparently linked to consuming McDonald's salads. The illness is caused by the Cyclospora parasite. McDonald's is removing the lettuce blend from identified restaurants and distribution centers. At least one of the affected restaurants is in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Missouri. The most common symptom is watery diarrhea. Other symptoms could include appetite loss, intestinal pain, nausea and fatigue.

Papa John's starts pulling founder's image from marketing

NEW YORK (AP)—Papa John's, which has featured founder John Schnatter as a spokesman in logos and TV ads, has begun pulling his image from its marketing and pledged to assess its diversity practices in response to his use of a racial slur. Schnatter's face was off some materials by Friday, though the pizza chain said there are no plans to change its name. Schnatter is still on the board and is the company's largest shareholder—meaning he remains a key presence. CEO Steve Ritchie said Friday the company will retain an outside expert to audit

Nation

Federal judge criticizes plan to reunify families split at border

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A federal judge, responding to a plan to reunify children separated at the border, said he was having second thoughts about his belief that the Trump administration was acting in good faith to comply with his orders.

The Justice Department on Friday filed a plan to reunify more than 2,500 children age 5 and older by a court-imposed deadline of July 26 using "truncated" procedures to verify parentage and perform background checks, which exclude DNA testing and other steps it took to reunify children under 5.

The administration said the abbreviated vetting puts children at significant safety risk but is needed to meet the deadline.

Chris Meekins, deputy assistant Health and Human Services secretary for preparedness and response, filed a declaration that he is fully committed to meeting the deadline. However, he does not believe "the placing of children into such situations is consistent with the mission of HHS or my core values."

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw took umbrage at Meekins' statement, disputing the official's interpreta-



Protesters chant "Families belong together!" as they walk to the front doors of the federal courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, on June 28.

tion of his orders and saying that safe reunification could and will occur by July 26.

"It is clear from Mr. Meekins' declaration that HHS either does not understand the court's orders or is acting in defiance of them," the judge wrote late Friday. "At a minimum, it appears he is attempting to provide cover to defendants for their own conduct in the practice of family separation, and the lack of foresight and infrastructure necessary to remedy the harms caused by that practice."

Sabraw, an appointee of President George W. Bush, said Meekins' statement calls into question his comments in court hours earlier that the

administration was acting in good faith.

Sabraw said in court Friday that the administration had largely complied with orders but, at the same time, he indicated he will be monitoring its actions ahead of the deadline.

The judge said the administration must provide a list of names of parents in immigration custody and their children by Monday and complete background checks for them by Thursday. He scheduled four hearings over the next two weeks for updates, including one on Monday.

"The task is laborious, but can be accomplished in the time and manner prescribed," he wrote in his order.

Nuclear arms race is an expected topic for Trump-Putin talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump seems of two minds on nuclear weapons. He muses about eliminating them but also has called for a U.S. buildup and bragged about his nuclear "button."

In March, while forecasting a face-to-face meeting on this topic with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Trump said in the same breath that an arms race was "getting out of control" and that he would never allow any country to have weapons "even close to what we have," although Russia already does.

How these seemingly competing instincts will play out in his talks Monday with Putin in Helsinki could profoundly affect the direction of U.S. defense policy.

Before leaving a NATO summit in Brussels on Thursday, Trump was asked by a reporter whether he would raise long-standing U.S. allegations that Russia is violating a Cold War-era nuclear arms treaty, and

whether he favors extending a separate treaty that he has criticized in the past as dis-advantaging the U.S.

His one-word answer to the two-part question was "yes"—the first public indication that he wants to extend the New Start treaty, which expires in three years. Then on Friday, he vaguely spoke about how "it would be a tremendous achievement if we could do something about nuclear proliferation."

Yet Trump's administration has shown little interest in negotiating further reductions in American and Russian strategic nuclear weapons. It has been more focused on formulating its own nuclear policy and on combating the nuclear threat posed by North Korea.

U.S.-Russian strategic nuclear weapons—those capable of striking each other's territory—are governed by New Start, which was negotiated by the Obama administration in 2010. It limits each country to 1,550 strategic nuclear warheads. Presi-

dent Barack Obama favored further cuts, but U.S.-Russian relations soured after Moscow's 2014 annexation of Crimea.

The New Start deal is set to expire in February 2021 unless both sides agree to extend it. The Trump administration has been reviewing its position, so it's unclear whether Trump and Putin will do more than agree that their staffs should study the possibility of an extension. Private U.S. arms control advocates are urging an extension, in part because they see value in a treaty provision allowing each side to monitor what the other is doing on strategic weapons.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, says Trump and Putin could instruct their aides to begin formal work on a five-year extension of the treaty, which would not require a renegotiation of its terms or ratification by the legislative branch of either government.

Asia

Waters rose, turning hour-long cave trip into 18-day ordeal

CHIANG RAI, Thailand (AP)—The boys meant to explore the cave for just an hour, a casual jaunt to relax after soccer practice, but the waters rose. The teammates climbed higher, using their hands to feel the walls for a crawl space that would lead to safer, higher ground. Those handprints were among the first signs of where the boys were, what they had done to escape the floods, and what dangers rescuers would face in their mission to save the boys and their coach.

The boys now recuperating and the rescuers who brought them to safety are starting to share stories of the dangers and their survival. The hospital in northern Thailand where the 12 boys and their soccer coach are quarantined said Friday they are basically healthy, aside from some minor infections. A psychiatrist said their mental state seems fine.

Family members, first able to reunite with them only through a glass window, now can meet face-to-face though still not touch, to ensure any illnesses don't spread.

Banphot Konkum, father

of 13-year-old Duangpetch Promthep, told The Associated Press his son—better known by his nickname, Dom—said the team members didn't know rain had started falling after they had entered the cave on June 23. But the rain caused flooding in the cave, blocking them from exiting.

"After an hour when they wanted to leave, the water level was rising. They ran farther inside the cave to escape from the water. The water flow was strong," said Banphot.

In their search for a safe haven, the boys were reported to have used their hands to feel the walls for an opening to take them to a higher, safer spot. Searchers later found what they thought were the boys' handprints, giving them confidence the boys were alive and that the searchers were on the right path.

"They, all 13 of them, saw a small passage or a crawl space, so they all dug the hole to get through to another spot, until they found Nen Nom Sao," Banphot said, referring to the sandy slope on which they ended up sheltering.



AP
Banphot Konkum, father of Duangpetch Promthep, shows a picture of his son during an interview in Mae Sai district in Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand, Friday, July 13, 2018.

did not make a special point of bringing along food since they were only planning a short trek into the cave.

"After the first three nights with no food in the cave, my son felt extreme hunger and cried," Aikhan told the Bangkok Post. "He had to rely only on water dripping from the rock. It was very cold at night and pitch dark. They had to lie huddled together."

She said her son, nicknamed Tun, said the boys' 25-year-old soccer coach Ekapol "Ake" Chanthawong, told them to meditate to ease their hunger and save their energy. He had already spent nearly a decade as a Buddhist monk.

One of the two British divers who found the group said the rescue operation was "completely uncharted, unprecedented territory," and that he had not been certain the boys would be found alive.

There was nowhere else to go.

Dom's grandmother, Kameay Promthep, said she would tell Dom never to go near the cave or water again because she doesn't want anything to happen to him or for him to cause trouble to others again.

"I will tell Dom that he has to thank all the Thai people from all over the country and people from all over the world who were kind enough to come and

help Dom. Without the (Thai navy) SEALs, the officials, and everyone who came and helped, Dom wouldn't be here today. He would not be seeing his Grandma, and Grandma wouldn't see his face again. From now on, Dom will have to be a good person."

Banphot said all 13 rescued team members will enter the monkhood to pay tribute to Saman Kunan, a former Thai navy SEAL who died while

diving to place essential supplies along the rescue route. Becoming a monk at a temple for at least a short period is a way of making merit in Thai Buddhist tradition.

"We are planning the date and will do it whenever all the families are all ready," said Banphot.

The mother of the youngest Wild Boar teammate, 11-year-old Chanin Wiboonrungruang, told a Bangkok newspaper that her son told her the team

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistanis mourning victims of carnage ahead of elections

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistanis are observing a day of mourning for the victims of the horrific weekend attacks that killed 132 people, including a provincial assembly candidate during an election rally in the country's southwest. Friday's suicide bombing in Mastung district took place as the Baluchistan Awami Party's candidate Siraj Raisani was holding a rally. That attack killed 128. Another suicide bombing on Friday struck an election campaign convoy in northwestern Pakistan, killing four. Black flags of mourning were hoisted at Baluchistan Awami Party's offices and residents displayed banners denouncing the massacre. Caretaker Prime Minister Nasirul Mulk was visiting the provincial capital of Quetta to express condolences to Raisani's family and others. So far more than 150 people have died in election-related attacks, underscoring the security threat ahead of the July 25 vote.

Maoist rebels ambush soldiers in east India; 2 killed

PATNA, India (AP)—Maoist rebels in eastern India ambushed a unit of government forces on Sunday, leaving two soldiers dead and another

wounded, police said. The rebels attacked paramilitary soldiers after they were returning from a counterinsurgency operation in a forested area in the Kanker district of Chhattisgarh state, said police officer K.L. Dhruve. The injured was airlifted to the state's capital Raipur for treatment in a hospital. A reinforcement of police and paramilitaries sealed the area to hunt the attackers. The Maoist rebels, inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, have been fighting the Indian government for more than four decades, demanding land and jobs for tenant farmers, the poor and indigenous communities. The government has called the rebels India's biggest internal security threat. With thousands of fighters, the rebels control vast swathes of territory. The rebels, also known as Naxalites, have ambushed police, destroyed government offices and abducted officials. They have blown up train tracks, attacked prisons to free their comrades and stolen weapons from police and paramilitary warehouses. In May, authorities said troops killed at least 44 suspected rebels in multiple raids in western India.

Bishops call for 3-day fasting after Duterte says God stupid
MANILA, Philippines

(AP)—Philippine Catholic bishops on Monday called for fasting and prayers after President Rodrigo Duterte called God "stupid" and questioned God's existence in profane remarks that set the foul-mouthed leader on a collision course with Asia's largest Catholic church. Archbishop Romulo Valles and the association of bishops that he heads called for a day of prayers on July 16 to invoke "God's mercy and justice on those who have blasphemed God's holy name, those who slander and bear false witness and those who commit murder or justify murder as a means for fighting criminality." Starting July 17, the bishops asked Filipino Catholics to join bishops in three more days of prayers with fasting and almsgiving without giving other details. Duterte has had a thorny relationship with Catholic bishops, who have criticized his bloody anti-drug crackdown and vulgar language and expressed alarm over the killings of three priests in brazen gun attacks in recent months. In televised speeches, the 73-year-old leader has often lashed out at Catholic bishops, recalling reports of sexual abuses by members of the clergy, including a foreign Jesuit priest, who, he said, fondled him and other fellow students in a Catholic university.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

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World

Trump tweets, hits links before high-stakes Putin meeting

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP)—Two days before a high-stakes summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump played golf and tweeted Saturday from one of his namesake resorts, blaming his predecessor for Russian election meddling and lashing out at the free press from foreign soil.

Aides had said Trump would spend the weekend preparing to meet Putin on Monday in Helsinki, but the tweets showed other topics were on his mind.

"I have arrived in Scotland and will be at Trump Turnberry for two days of meetings, calls and hopefully, some golf - my primary form of exercise!" he tweeted early Saturday, referencing his seaside golf resort. "The weather is beautiful, and this place is incredible! Tomorrow I go to Helsinki for a Monday meeting with Vladimir Putin."

Trump was later seen playing the Turnberry links, several holes of which are visible from a nearby beach, where dozens of people staged a protest picnic Saturday. He was videotaped waving at protesters as they shouted "No Trump, No KKK, No Racist USA!" before resuming his game. He was also seen posing for photos.

A line of police, some on horseback, stood between the



U.S. President Donald Trump waits on the 4th tee at Turnberry golf course, Scotland, Saturday, July 14, 2018. U.S.

course and protesters. Snipers perched atop a nearby tower overlooking the vast property.

The protesters were among the thousands who came out in Scotland and England in opposition to the U.S. president's visit to both countries.

Some 10,000 people marched Saturday through the Scottish capital of Edinburgh,

while police searched for a paraglider who breached a no-fly zone and flew a protest banner over the resort in western Scotland where Trump and his wife, Melania, are staying through Sunday.

The glider carried a banner that said "Trump: Well Below Par" over the resort Friday night to protest his

environmental and immigration policies.

In Edinburgh, anti-fascist groups and political activists joined those who said they'd never protested before, weaving through the capital's streets waving an array of makeshift anti-Trump banners. A choir, a bagpiper, a tambourine band and poetry readings added to the carnival spirit.

"Donald Trump is not welcome here," Scottish Labour leader Richard Leonard told the crowd. "The horrific scenes at the Mexican border are just the latest example of his repudiation

of decent human values."

Protesters also launched a 20-foot-tall (6-meter) blimp depicting Trump as an angry baby that had flown over anti-Trump protests in London on Friday.

Trump has spent the week-long trip wreaking havoc in Europe, first at a NATO summit in Brussels where he questioned the value of the decades-old alliance, and later in Britain, where he faced fallout from a stunning newspaper interview in which he undermined British Prime Minister Theresa May at an especially vulnerable time.

But Trump was also keeping tabs on domestic issues, including the investigations into Russian election meddling.

In Saturday's tweets, Trump tried to blame former President Barack Obama for failing to stop the Russians from working to help him win the 2016 election.

"The stories you heard about the 12 Russians yesterday took place during the Obama Administration, not the Trump Administration," Trump tweeted, asking why they didn't "do something about it, especially when it was reported that President Obama was informed by the FBI in September, before the Election?"

It was Trump's first response to indictments announced Friday in Washington against 12 Russian military intelligence officers who allegedly hacked into the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton, Trump's Democratic rival, and the Democratic Party, and released tens of thousands of emails in a sweeping Kremlin conspiracy to help Trump.

Trump denies that he or any campaign aides were involved with the Russian campaign and repeatedly dismisses the ongoing investigation that produced Friday's indictments as a "witch hunt."

Trump told reporters he plans to raise election meddling with Putin but said he doesn't expect Putin to ever accept blame.

"I will absolutely bring that up. I don't think you'll have any 'Gee, I did it. I did it. You got me,'" Trump said Friday, referring to Putin.

Cease-fire holds after day of intense Israel-Hamas fighting

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military lifted its restrictions along the Gaza border area on Sunday, indicating it had accepted an Egypt-mediated cease-fire to end an intense, 24-hour round of fighting with Hamas militants that had threatened to devolve into all-out war.

The military had shut down a popular beach and placed limitations on large gatherings as residents kept mostly close to home on Saturday amid dozens of rockets that were fired from Gaza. But after several hours of calm it said summer camps would operate as usual and residents could resume their daily routines.

On Saturday, the military carried out its largest wave of airstrikes in Gaza since the 2014 war, hitting several Hamas military compounds and flattening a number of its training camps. Two Palestinian teenagers were killed in an airstrike in Gaza City, while four Israelis were wounded from a rocket that landed on a residential home.

The Israeli military said

several mortar shells were fired even after Hamas announced the cease-fire as sirens warning of incoming projectiles wailed in Israel overnight again. The military struck the mortar launcher early Sunday but calm held for several hours after and neither side appears eager to resume hostilities.

Hamas police announced on Sunday that an explosion at a house in Gaza City killed a father and son, aged 35 and 13. The explosion was not the result of an Israeli airstrike and appeared more likely an accidental blast related to militant stock piles of explosives. Hamas said it would investigate.

The Israeli military said it unleashed Saturday's barrage in response to weeks of violence along the Gaza border — including a grenade attack Friday that wounded an officer — as well as sustained Hamas rocket attacks and a lengthy campaign of launching incendiary kites and balloons that have devastated Israeli farmlands and nature reserves

along the coastal strip.

Hamas responded with more than 200 projectiles toward Israel communities, evoking the memories of the three wars the sides have waged over the past decade. Israel said its Iron Dome defense system shot down more than 20 projectiles.

Israel also destroyed several Hamas attack tunnels, as well as factories involved in the production of the incendiary kites and balloons, and a Hamas battalion headquarters in northern Gaza.

Two teenagers were killed and several others were wounded when Israel struck an unfinished five-story building near a Hamas security compound and a public park in Gaza City, reducing the structure to rubble. The military says the abandoned building once served as the Palestinian National Library but in recent years was used by Hamas as a training facility for urban warfare and it had dug an offensive tunnel under the building that was part of its underground network.

6 dead after attackers target Somalia's presidential palace

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Somali security forces shot dead three extremists wearing soldiers' uniforms, foiling an attempted al-Shabab attack on the presidential palace that began with a car bomb exploding, police said Saturday.

The confrontation came a week after an attack on the nearby interior ministry compound in Mogadishu killed at least nine people, again raising questions about the state of security in the most sensitive areas of Somalia's capital.

Six people were dead in all including a suicide car bomber, Capt. Mohamed Hussein told The Associated Press, saying the situation had calmed and security in the area was being tightened.

The midday attack began when a car bomb detonated near a checkpoint close to the

presidential palace after security forces engaged with gunmen. A second car bomb exploded in the same area shortly afterward, Hussein said.

"There were skirmishes between security forces and the attackers and then we had a big blast and a huge boom. The blast knocked me down," one witness, Osman Ali, told the AP.

The Somalia-based al-Shabab extremist group, an arm of al-Qaida, often targets high-profile places in the capital. It claimed responsibility for Saturday's attack, saying its fighters were conducting a "major operation" around the palace and nearby SYL Hotel.

Al-Shabab was blamed for the October truck bombing in Mogadishu that killed more than 500 people in the deadliest attack in the country's history.

The threat from what has

become the deadliest Islamic extremist group in sub-Saharan Africa has hurt efforts to strengthen Somalia's fragile government and stabilize the long-chaotic Horn of Africa nation.

The United States under the Trump administration has stepped up military efforts in Somalia, including dozens of drone strikes, against al-Shabab and a small presence of fighters linked to the Islamic State group. At least two U.S. military personnel have been killed.

The U.S. military and others in the international community have expressed concern about the plan for Somalia's security forces to take over the country's security from a multinational African Union force over the next few years, saying the local troops are not yet ready.

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Heather Martinez, who lost more than 170 pounds by eating right and exercising, works out at Stovall Park in Arlington, Texas.

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Defeating obesity by eating right and exercising

By **LESLIE BARKER**
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If you weigh 326 pounds and can't wear a seat belt, fit into a restaurant booth or walk more than a few yards without stopping for breath, the thought of getting in shape is, to say the least, overwhelming.

"It was like throwing a pebble in the ocean," says Heather Martinez. "But I thought even if it takes me forever, I've got to change something."

She was 32 years old and, like most of her family, had been heavy all her life. She'd tried Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig programs, which just didn't work for her. Instead of giving up, she took it upon herself to change.

She knew nothing about nutrition, so she sought out fitness magazines and online sources.

"I didn't know vegetables were so important," says Martinez, who lives in Arlington, Texas. "I didn't know it wasn't OK to eat two hamburgers at dinner. I didn't know cookies and cakes were not OK for a snack every day, followed by dinner."

She began eliminating fast food

from her diet and replacing it with fruit, vegetables, lean turkey—"better things," she says. She also started exercising, quite literally, one step at a time.

"All I could do was walk around the little pool—the outside of it—at my condo," says Martinez, who recently turned 39. "That was as much as I could do without getting out of breath."

Her motivation became walking farther or climbing a flight of stairs without losing her breath. After four months, she'd reached her first milestone—losing 50 pounds.

"When you go from eating a whole pizza to eating better, the weight comes off pretty quickly in the beginning," she says.

She also began keeping a food journal and weighing herself every week. She didn't rush her weight loss; she knew losing it slowly increased her chances of keeping it off.

"A lot of people want a quick fix," says Martinez, who is now a certified personal trainer. She quit her job as a

sales rep at Budweiser in 2009 to pursue fitness full time; in January, she started a women-only fitness business.

"They think what's holding them back in life is their weight. When you get obese, it's the side effect of something in your life that's not working. It's like a knock on the door getting louder and louder. Food is filling a void. Until you figure that out, you'll put a Band-Aid on it by eating Lean Cuisine."

The key is integrating health into your life, she says. She kept walking, kept eating right. After she lost 100 pounds, she felt ready to join a gym.

"I was still at 225, but I was feeling pretty great at that point," Martinez says. "My feelings soon became a little deflated because I would still get glances. I guess I felt thinner than I actually looked."

Inside, she says, she felt like telling those who looked at her askance: "Don't you know how much courage it took to walk in here? Don't you know I've already lost 100 pounds?"

She began strength training, and

when a friend told her about boxing, decided to try that, too.

"As a woman, it's so empowering to hit that bag," she says.

Mike Houseworth owns Title Boxing Club of Mansfield, Texas, where Martinez works out.

"She's strong-willed and diligent," says Houseworth, who had seen Martinez through the years at various 24-Hour Fitness clubs. "When she comes in, she goes right to work. She has a firm commitment to herself. She committed to change her life, and she did."

About seven months ago, she began teaching classes at the gym.

"Our members love her class," he says. "If Heather's doing the 3 o'clock class on Sunday, the parking lot will be full."

Not everyone comes to the gym wanting to lose weight, he says. But those who do, he sends to Martinez.

"She has knowledge about anatomy and physical fitness," he says. "She can explain to a person what's happening when they're doing a particular exercise. She doesn't just pro-

vide direction, she provides insight."

Martinez says she knows what overweight people are going through.

She also knows what being on the other side feels like.

She's kept her weight off almost five years and no longer needs medicine for high blood pressure. Her BMI has dropped from 57 to 25.

She won't say getting in shape has been easy, but because she was "so, so ready," she acknowledges it could have been a lot harder.

"If I was angry or mad or upset, I had to deal with those feelings and not go back to my drug of choice"—food, she says. "I'd have to go for a walk or write in my journal."

She wishes she could change her brain to not want what she shouldn't have—sweets.

So she works out every day, and about once a month allows herself an indulgence. At 5-foot-1 and about 150 pounds, she continues her quest to be healthy and fit.

"The more weight I lost, the more encouragement I received, and that gave me momentum to continue my journey," says Martinez. "I was not going to stop with my new lifestyle. My mindset and new way of living have become my new identity."

HOW TO DO IT

Heather Martinez's tips to weight loss and good health:

Use your imagination. "Pretend you're at your goal weight and go backward," she says. "When I lost 50 pounds, I pretended I was already at 150 pounds. How would you carry yourself? I visualized myself already at that goal and did what I needed to get there."

Act as if you're an athlete. "Carry yourself as if you're that way, and it's easier to lose your bad habits."

Write five reasons you want to do this. Weight loss can't be one of them, she says. Make a list for your car and your refrigerator; let the list remind and motivate you.

Follow through. "You say you want to lose weight, but if you're still doing things you did at your current weight, you're not there yet."



Young girl holding in hand bottle water on a hot summer day.

QUINN ON NUTRITION

Summer hydration

By **BARBARA QUINN**
THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD/TNS

My daughter suggested I write a column about hydration. Great idea, since a road trip through drought-stricken New Mexico and Arizona

was on the horizon. No worries. We remembered to pack plenty of bottled water in the ice chest.

According to the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we need water every day of our lives. When water stores are low, our bodies

overheat, moods worsen and we are more susceptible to constipation and kidney stones. Not a great combination for enjoyable vacations.

How do we meet our water needs when the temperature hits 95 to 99 degrees in the desert? It helps to remember that up to 60 percent of our body weight is water. And we lose water daily through breathing, sweat and normal body processes. Here are some rules to remember as we venture out for summer travel:

Choose plain water instead of a soda. We'll save 150 unneeded sugar calories for every 12 ounces of just plain ol' water we ingest in place of a sugar-sweetened beverage. Pure water is a better thirst quencher as well.

Let thirst be your guide (generally). Although current recommendations tell us to drink when we are thirsty, we need to learn to identify true thirst. It can be easy to confuse thirst for hunger. Good practice?

Have plain water on hand throughout the day. Frequent sips of fluid can often quell what we may otherwise have thought was hunger. Also remember that if we wait until we are very thirsty to drink fluids, we are probably already dehydrated.

Choose foods high in water content. They are generally lower in calories and often offer more nutrition as well. Water naturally present in food also contributes to our daily water quota, say experts.

Here are some examples: Compared to 100 percent plain water, milk, melons, strawberries, lettuce, cabbage and spinach are between 90 to 99 percent water. Fruit juice, yogurt, apples, grapes, oranges, carrots, pears and pineapple contain 80 to 89 percent water.

And 70 to 79 percent of the weight of bananas, avocados, and cottage cheese pure water.

Caffeinated beverages count. Yay!

My morning coffee and iced tea when we stop for lunch contributes to my daily water goals, say experts. Alcohol? Sorry, no. When you hit the country western dance hall in Albuquerque, try a club soda with lemon instead of beer. It saves money, calories and a lot of grief on the drive home.

We did OK on this particular trip. Sipped on water as we drove through the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert. Had fresh fruit or juice along with coffee most mornings. And remembered to order salads and vegetables (high water content foods) with meals. I wonder what the water content is for green chile?

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Life & Style

Nancy Sinatra Sr., first wife of Frank Sinatra, dies at 101

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nancy Sinatra Sr., the childhood sweetheart of Frank Sinatra who became the first of his four wives and the mother of his three children, has died. She was 101.

Her daughter, Nancy Sinatra Jr., tweeted that her mother died Friday and a posting on her web page said she died at 6:02 p.m. but didn't indicate where she died.

"She was a blessing and the light of my life," her daughter said.

Attempts to reach representatives for Sinatra Jr. late Friday were unsuccessful.

Nancy and Frank Sinatra had been dating as teenagers and married at Our Lady of Sor-

rows Catholic church in Jersey City, New Jersey, on Feb. 4, 1939, just as Frank's singing career was about to take off. Three years before marrying the former Nancy Barbato, he had landed a 15-minute radio show on local station WAAT.

During the marriage's early years, the Sinatras lived in a modest apartment in Jersey City, where their two eldest children were born. For a time she was employed as a secretary while her husband worked as a singing waiter.

After Sinatra became a pop-music sensation in the 1940s, the couple moved to Los Angeles, where the singer would also become a movie star, raconteur, man about town and

notorious womanizer.

Nancy Sinatra left Frank after his affair with actress Ava Gardner became public knowledge. Weeks after the pair's divorce became final in 1951, Sinatra's ex-husband married Gardner, while Sinatra went on to raise the couple's three children: Nancy, Frank Jr. and Tina.

After the gossip over the divorce and Gardner marriage died down, Nancy Sinatra devoted herself to family and numerous celebrity friends, largely withdrawing from the spotlight. She not only outlived her husband, who died in 1998, but her son, who died in 2016.

She is credited, under the name Nancy Barbato, on the



AP
In this Oct. 23, 1946 file photo, singer Frank Sinatra and his wife Nancy smile broadly as they leave a Hollywood night club following a surprise meeting.

Baron Cohen pranks 2 more celebrity politicians for show

Some politicians are going through the several stages of panic associated with an interview with Sacha Baron Cohen: remorse, damage control, anger and regret for being duped.

One of the comedian's latest targets, defeated Senate candidate Roy Moore, is threatening a defamation lawsuit over an upcoming episode of the comedian's new television series.

Sacha Baron Cohen has for years lured unwitting politicians into awkward interviews. Now one of his latest targets, defeated Senate candidate Roy Moore, is threatening a defamation lawsuit over an upcoming episode of the comedian's new television series.

In a statement posted on Facebook, Moore says he accepted an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington in February after being told he'd receive an award for supporting Israel.

"I did not know Sacha Cohen or that a Showtime TV series was being planned to embarrass, humiliate, and mock not only Israel, but also religious conservatives such as Sarah Palin, Joe Walsh, and Dick Cheney," Moore wrote on Facebook.

Former Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who is running for U.S. Senate in Arizona, thought he was part of a show focusing on the top 20 most famous people in the United States.

Arpaio, 86, said he began to suspect something was amiss with the interview when Baron Cohen started using sexually explicit expressions.

He's not sure yet whether he'd take any action against Baron Cohen, who posed as a Finnish actor and wore a disguise during an October 2017 interview in Los Angeles.

"If they do a good job, may-



AP
This combination photo shows former Alaska Gov. and Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in National Harbor, Md. on Feb. 26, 2015, left, and former Alabama Chief Justice and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore at a news conference in Birmingham, Ala., on Nov. 16, 2017.

be I'll send them a thank-you note," Arpaio said.

Neither Showtime nor Baron Cohen responded to requests for comment.

"Who Is America?" premieres Sunday on Showtime.

The network has been tight-lipped about the show. Baron Cohen has posted only a cryptic clip of a former vice president Dick Cheney being asked to sign a water jug that a man—presumably Baron Cohen—calls his "waterboard kit."

The comedian adopts various personas to trick interviewees, and as his rapper character Ali G he subjected Newt Gingrich and Pat Buchanan to awkward interviews. He even got a brief interview with Donald Trump in 2012, but the then-businessman walked out early in the session.

That same year, Baron Cohen dumped ashes on Ryan Seacrest on the red carpet at the Oscars while promoting his film "The Dictator."

It is unclear when the interviews with Cheney, Ar-

paio and Palin will air during the seven-episode "Who Is America?" run.

Baron Cohen's stunts have landed him in court before, and Moore is threatening to file a lawsuit depending on how "Who Is America?" portrays him.

Moore is suing four women who raised decades-old allegations of sexual misconduct during his Senate race.

"I am involved in several court cases presently to defend my honor and character against vicious false political attacks by liberals like Cohen," Moore said in his statement. "If Showtime airs a defamatory attack on my character, I may very well be involved in another. As for Mr. Cohen, whose art is trickery, deception, and dishonesty, Alabama does not respect cowards who exhibit such traits!"

Arpaio initially told The Associated Press that he regretted doing the interview. Then he corrected himself.

"No, I don't regret the interview," Arpaio said. "I'll talk to anybody." (AP)

Internet Movie Database with just two TV and film appearances, in her daughter Nancy's 1975 concert film, "Nancy and Lee in Las Vegas," and in 1974 on her friend Dinah Shore's talk show.

In later years she would become known as Nancy Sr., especially after daughter Nancy

became a 1960s singing star in her own right with "These Boots Are Made For Walking" and other hit songs.

She also remained friendly with her ex-husband, the latter being said to have put in requests over the years for pasta and other Italian food dishes she was known to be an expert at

preparing. She never remarried.

"There is no bitterness, only great respect and affection between Sinatra and his first wife," Gay Talese wrote in 1966, "and he has long been welcome in her home and has even been known to wander in at odd hours, stoke the fire, lie on the sofa, and fall asleep."

Blessed be the fruit: 'Handmaid's Tale' reaps 20 Emmy nods

If you haven't yet watched this week's roller-coaster finale of "The Handmaid's Tale"—no spoilers here—the show's creator has a suggestion.

"Get a couple bottles of Scotch first," quips executive producer and writer Bruce Miller.

Miller and his cast and crew were saying "Praise be"—figuratively, at least—on Thursday as the show reaped 20 Emmy nods, up seven from last year, when the show took the prize for best drama series. Not surprisingly, the show's star, last year's best actress Elisabeth Moss, was nominated again, as were seven other actors in supporting or guest roles.

One of them—Samira Wiley—learned of her Emmy nod onstage as she announced other nominees. Television Academy chairman Hayma Washington came out to give her the news.

Wiley called the show's big haul "a real graduation" from the year before. And she had high praise for Moss. "Elisabeth makes everyone who she's in a scene with a better actor," she said. "And I can speak personally about that.

I don't know how she does what she does."

Miller, nominated as a writer as well as executive producer of the dystopian sci-fi drama, noted that while many viewers have drawn parallels with real-world current events, he tries to keep the focus on the show's main character, Moss' June, and her world in Gilead.

"You want to be in the world, so you know when you do a show and talk about people being separated from their children, what that's going to mean to people in the world," he said. "We're all news junkies, political junkies, but I think we really try to think about what happens to June and what happens in Gilead, and really make that work, and then you have the chance that people apply it to their life today."

The best guide, he said, has been the writing of Margaret Atwood—the Canadian author of the 1985 novel on which the series is based.

"The reason the book lasted so long is that it's specifically about this woman and this world, and (though) not a conscious metaphor for our world, it just seems to keep applying to

our world," Miller said. "That's the genius of Margaret."

And, even though the show goes well beyond what's in the book, he said, "the world that Margaret has created is so complete and full that in some ways, I don't feel that we're ever going beyond the book, I feel like we're just pushing it to different edges and corners and dynamics that are set up by the book. In that way I feel safe and guided by Margaret ... I feel confident that what I am doing, even if it's not written on the page, is written between the lines."

"The Handmaid's Tale" aired its second season finale this week—an episode with a shocker ending that capped an equally intense season. Wiley, who plays Moira, said she hadn't brought herself to watch yet.

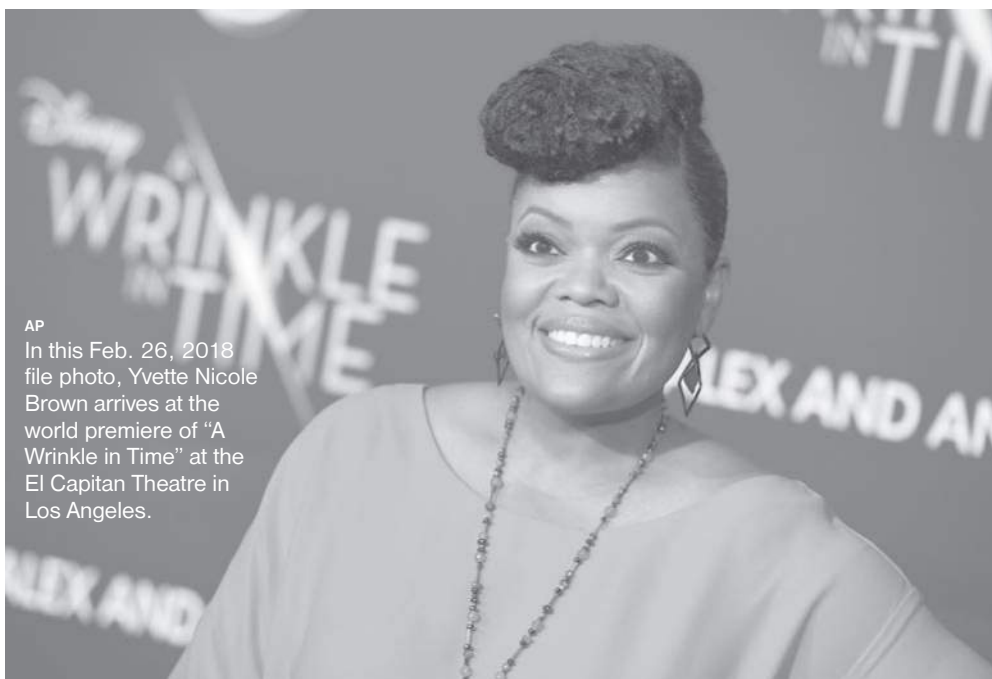
"Hearing everyone's reaction, I think that it is exactly what we wanted," said the former "Orange Is the New Black" actress. "It's a big show. There are a lot of issues. It's been hard this season I think for some people to watch. But hopefully it just sets it up for us to come back next year with a bang as well." (AP)

Yvette Nicole Brown is interim guest host of 'Walking Dead'

NEW YORK (AP)—Yvette Nicole Brown is filling in for Chris Hardwick as host of "The Walking Dead" and "Talking Dead" while AMC Networks reviews sexual-assault allegations against Hardwick.

AMC announced Friday that Brown will be "interim guest host" of "The Walking Dead Season 9 Preview Special" on Aug. 5. Brown also will host "Talking Dead" on Aug. 12.

Brown starred in the NBC comedy "Community" and already was stepping in for Hardwick as moderator of "Walking Dead" panels next week at San Diego Comic-Con.



AP
In this Feb. 26, 2018 file photo, Yvette Nicole Brown arrives at the world premiere of "A Wrinkle in Time" at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles.

Scarlett Johansson pulls out of trans drama after backlash

NEW YORK (AP)—Scarlett Johansson on Friday withdrew from the film "Rub & Tug" after her plans to portray a transgender man prompted a backlash.

In a statement to Out.com on Friday, Johansson said she's pulling out from the project "in light of recent ethi-

cal questions raised surrounding my casting." Last week, Johansson said she would star as Pittsburgh 1970s and '80s prostitution ring leader Dante "Tex" Gill, who was born Lois Jean Gill but identified as a man.

When transgender actors and advocates questioned the

casting, Johansson initially responded with a statement that criticism "can be directed to Jeffrey Tambor, Jared Leto and Felicity Huffman's reps." All are cisgender actors who won acclaim for playing transgender characters.

"Our cultural understanding of transgender people continues to advance, and I've learned a lot from the community since making my first statement about my casting and realize it was insensitive," said Johansson, who added that she had "great admiration and love for the trans community."

"While I would have loved the opportunity to bring Dante's story and transition to life, I understand why many feel he should be portrayed by a transgender person, and I am thankful that this casting debate, albeit controversial, has sparked a larger conversation about diversity and repre-

sensation in film," the actress added.

Johansson previously came under fire for playing an originally Asian character in the 2017 film "Ghost in the Shell." That film's director, Rupert Sanders, was set to also helm "Rub & Tug."

It's not clear if the film, which Johansson was also producing, will go forward. A representative for Johansson didn't respond to an email Friday. A spokesman for New Regency, which was set to produce "Rub & Tug," said it's uncertain what will happen with the film.

Some critics have argued that trans roles should be played by trans actors. Last week, numerous trans actors responded to Johansson's casting as another sign of a lack of opportunity for trans actors.

"Actors who are trans never even get to audition for anything other than roles of trans

Hardwick has acknowledged that an online post by his ex-girlfriend Chloe Dykstra alleging she had been sexually assaulted and emotionally

abused referred to him. He has denied the allegations but has said the couple's three-year relationship was imperfect and included arguments.

Lawsuit filed against 'S-Town' podcast creators by estate

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—The estate of the man at the center of the popular "S-Town" podcast is suing the show's creators, saying they exploited details of his private life for financial gain.

Craig Cargile, the executor of John B. McLemore's estate filed the lawsuit Thursday in Bibb County, Alabama. The lawsuit contends McLemore didn't give permission to broadcast the intimate details of his sexual orientation, mental state and other aspects of his life.

"S-Town" tells the story of McLemore, an antique clock restorer from Woodstock, Alabama, who killed himself in 2015.

McLemore in 2012 sent an email to producers of "This American Life" ask-

ing for help in a murder investigation. The resulting 2017 podcast focused heavily on McLemore and included the description on its website as an "unearthing of the mysteries of one man's life."

"None of these 'mysteries' are of legitimate public concern, nor were these matters that McLemore contacted (Brian) Reed to investigate or write about. Instead, they generally involved the private matters of McLemore's life," attorneys wrote in the lawsuit.

S-Town executive producer Julie Snyder wrote in an emailed response to the Associated Press Saturday that she could not comment on the litigation other than to say it "lacks merit."

Woman charged with hacking Selena Gomez's email

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman has been charged with 11 felonies stemming from the hacking of the email of Selena Gomez and one of the singer's associates.

Los Angeles County prosecutors said Friday that 21-year-old Susan Antrach of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, has been charged with five identity-theft counts, five fraud counts and one count of accessing and using data without permission. The charges

are felonies that collectively could get her nearly 10 years in prison.

Prosecutors allege Antrach accessed the accounts of the 25-year-old Gomez and the unnamed associate several times in 2015 and 2016, and also posted private media from the accounts online.

Antrach has not entered a plea. Prosecutors did not know if she has hired an attorney who could comment, and no phone listing could be found for her.



AP
In this April 23, 2018 file photo, Scarlett Johansson arrives at the world premiere of "Avengers: Infinity War" in Los Angeles.

Girl's old friends turn away when she returns to school

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has graduated from high school. She had been in a residential treatment program for depression the year and a half prior to returning to this school. Her old friends had promised to be there for her when she returned.

After she was back for three months, her friends stopped inviting her to things and even talked behind her back in a group chat that was started by a different group. The girls' moms knew some of this was going on and did nothing about it. It has been a difficult journey for my daughter as well as for me.

Now that the girls have all graduated, I'm wondering if I should contact any of them or their moms and ask what happened. It was painful for me to watch my daughter go through weekends when her "friends" were out at parties she wasn't invited to. It was heartbreaking when no one came to her holiday or birthday parties. I am wondering if asking the girls/moms for an explanation can help my daughter learn from it. Please let me know what you think.

MAMA BEAR OUT WEST

DEAR MAMA BEAR: Your daughter has survived high school, and along with it the cruel treatment of the girls who promised to befriend her. For that, I congratulate her.

Teenagers can be so completely centered on themselves

that the feelings of others do not exist for them. Also, girls in high school tend to form cliques. Add to that the fact that there is so much misunderstanding about mental illness—not only among teens but also adults—and I have a pretty good idea of what happened and so should you.

What life lesson do you think exploring this with the other parents will accomplish for your daughter? Your efforts would be better spent by continuing to emotionally support her and encouraging her to move forward with her life.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's family is full of people who drink too much and then act like fools, slurring their words, stumbling and vomiting. It happens at many gatherings, and it stresses me out.

They often pressure me to drink more and/or get drunk. Because I don't do it, I feel ostracized at these gatherings where I'm told I need to "loosen up" or "cheer up" by drinking more. No one else in my life thinks I'm uptight. I'm normally very sociable.

These days, I avoid those family gatherings as often as possible, but I'm afraid I'm courting more problems by not participating in family activities. My relationship with my husband is fantastic, and he understands and supports me, but I don't feel like his family does. I've tried to be frank with them, but the conversations don't seem to stick. I can't

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avoid my husband's family forever. What to do?

IN THE MINORITY IN LOUISIANA

DEAR MINORITY: Because you have told your in-laws that being urged to drink makes you uncomfortable yet they persist, you are doing all you can short of cutting off all contact with them. Continue to limit the times you attend those family events, and when asked about your absence, continue to be frank about the reason. Then hope they are sober enough to get the message when you deliver it.

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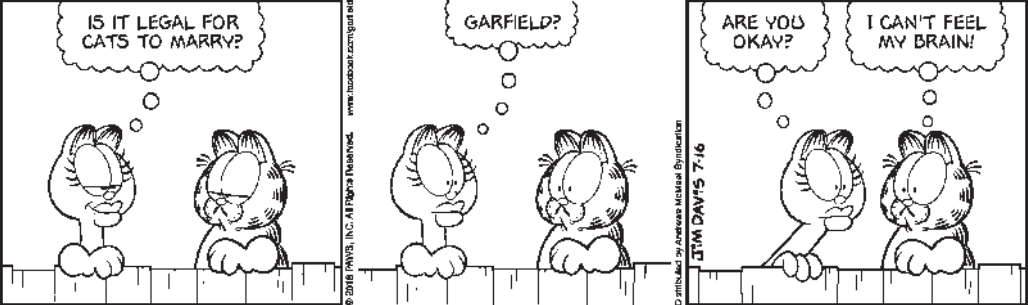
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4 Lustrous fabrics

5 Pompeii volcano

6 Post-op area

7 "— Lisa"

8 Stoops

9 Natives of Naples

10 — Stanley Gardner

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17 Genetic stuff

19 Reactions to fireworks

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gar-reth Bale, 29; AnnaLynne McCord, 31; Corey Feldman, 47; Will Ferrell, 51.

Happy Birthday: Face the future with enthusiasm, and implement positive change that will encourage a more up-to-date appearance and media savvy. Reunite with people who intrigued you in the past. Look for new beginnings and opportunities that will give you a chance to utilize the talents and skills you enjoy the most. Love and romance will help stabilize your personal life. Your numbers are 5, 13, 19, 27, 31, 36, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Finish what you start. Keep anyone trying to interfere or meddle in your affairs at a distance. The hard work you put in will bring about positive change and new possibilities that will improve your reputation. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't look now, but you are under the spotlight. Someone is watching and waiting to see what you'll do next. Make a good impression; you will be given the chance to take on an exciting project. Romance is on the rise. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check out what everyone else is doing before you decide what you are going to do next. Ask questions and protect against injury or someone trying to take advantage of you. Intelligence is your vehicle to counter misleading information. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't mess with what's working well. Give yourself a chance to take your talents to the next level. Whether it's how you run your household or your

professional responsibilities, do what comes naturally. You'll find a way to succeed. ****

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep moving. Any lag in reaching your goal or destination will cause you to fall behind, giving others a chance to outmaneuver you. Don't waste time trying to prove a point when you should be taking action and following through. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think less and act more. If you take too much time to mull over what you want to do, your plans will be outdated before you begin. Letting your uniqueness shine through is instrumental in achieving success. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional deception and disillusionment will take over if you are too gullible. Do your research and find out firsthand what's actually happening before you decide to take action. A friend or relative will let you down. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Personal change will bring about financial opportunities. Alter your living arrangements to suit your budget, and focus on making practical changes to the way you present what you have to offer. A professional look will turn heads. Romance will be ego-boosting. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Share knowledge with someone you respect. Joining forces in order to help a cause or someone who has something to offer in return will also encourage you to stabilize your personal life instead of trying to change it. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for unique ways to update old ideas. Getting together with people you haven't seen for a long time will be stimulating and will lead to an influx of creative ideas. Love and romance are highlighted and will enhance your life. ***

Birthday Baby: You are appealing, playful and unique. You are hardworking and ambitious.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Pacquiao gets 60th win with KO of Matthyse



KUALALUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Manny Pacquiao clinched his

60th victory with a seventh-round knockout Sunday of Argentinian Lucas Matthyse, his first stoppage in nine years.

Pacquiao said he worked hard but was surprised by the swift win in the World Boxing Association welterweight title fight.

Pacquiao rebounded from his disappointing loss last year to Australian Jeff Horn and his victory could extend his boxing career that had taken a backseat to his political life as a Filipino senator.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad also attended the fight, the biggest boxing match in the country since the 1975 heavyweight clash between Muhammad Ali and Australian Joe Bugner.

Duterte said: "I would like to congratulate Senator Manny Pacquiao for giving us pride and bringing the Filipino nation together once more."

Rumors of Pacquiao's demise, which were fueled in part by his puzzling decision to cut ties with Hall of Fame trainer Freddie Roach, proved far too premature as longtime cornerman Buboy Fernandes and strength coach



Justin Fortune took over the lead. Unlike his disputed decision loss to Jeff Horn last July in their title bout, Pacquiao looked focused and prepared.

"We did a good job and my team in training," Pacquiao said. "We were not pushing hard like we did when we were very young. We controlled ourselves in the training but it's heavy training. Thanks to all of my team for working hard in this fight."

Although the headlines will rightfully speak of Pacquiao's rejuvenation, the 35-year-old Matthyse offered next to nothing in terms of resistance. Matthyse (39-5, 36 KOs) looked slow and disinterested as he struggled throughout dealing with Pacquiao's speed and footwork.

Not only did Matthyse's reputation for being a vicious power puncher fail to materialize in this fight, which was contested on Sunday morn-

ing in Asia, the stigma which has followed him as a bit of a frontrunner became true. Matthyse once again proved unable to adjust on the elite level after falling behind and was knocked down three times in total, including Round 5 when he voluntarily took a knee after a pair of jabs to the temple.

"Matthyse has the power also so we were taking care in the ring with hands up all the time and doing my best,"

Pacquiao said. "I'm surprised [he was knocked down three times] because Matthyse is a very tough opponent. I knocked him down and that's a bonus for being focused and patient and in the fight and working hard in training."

Pacquiao outlanded Matthyse 344 to 246, according to CompuBox, and connected on 44 percent of his power shots. Along with working in body shots on lead left hands to slow Matthyse down, Pacquiao repeatedly caught him leaning forward with uppercuts that split the guard.

Matthyse was floored with an uppercut in Round 3. After taking a knee and looking as if he might quit two rounds later, Matthyse was dropped for the

Lucas Matthyse, left, of Argentina falls after receiving a punch by Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines during their WBA World welterweight title bout in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sunday, July 15, 2018.

final time in Round 7 on a left uppercut. After sitting up to one knee, Matthyse spit out his mouthpiece, which summoned referee Kenny Bayless to wave off the fight at 2:43 of the round.

Asked after the fight what was the most difficult part of fighting Pacquiao, Matthyse replied, "To fight Manny Pacquiao. He's a great fighter and a great champion."

Despite the loss, Matthyse made it clear he was not considering retirement.

"Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose," Matthyse said. "Today was my turn to lose and I lost to a great fighter and a great legend in Manny Pacquiao. [I'm going to] take a rest, take a break. I worked really hard and I want to go back home to my family. This is part of boxing that you win some and lose some. Today was my turn to lose but nothing more."

Pacquiao's Hall of Fame promoter, Bob Arum of Top Rank, had talked in recent weeks of his plan to match Pacquiao against pound-for-pound king and lightweight champion Vasily Lomachenko later this year.

Despite the talk of the future, Pacquiao wasn't willing to budge when asked which opponent he wanted next.

"That's another story and another discussion," Pacquiao said.

Bogaerts' grand slam gets Red Sox back to winning ways



BOSTON (AP)—Xander Bogaerts hit a game-ending grand slam with one out in the 10th inning, and J.D. Martinez hit his major league-leading 29th homer to carry the Boston Red Sox to a 6-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

Martinez increased his major league-leading RBI total to 80 with a solo shot and red-hot Mookie Betts extended his hitting streak to 12 games with three singles to raise his majors' best average to .362 for Boston.

The AL East-leading Red Sox had their 10-game winning streak halted Friday. They haven't lost two straight since June 19 and 20.

Angels 5, Dodgers 4, 10 innings

In Los Angeles, Kole Calhoun homered on his first pitch from All-Star closer Kenley Jansen (0-3) in the 10th inning, lifting the Angels over the Dodgers after blowing two leads.

Royals 5, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Jorge Bonifacio homered for the first time since he was suspended for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance, and Kansas City beat Chicago for just its second win in July.

Marlins 2, Phillies 0

In Miami, All-Star Aaron Nola gave up two runs in the first inning and Philadelphia never recovered, losing to Miami.

The NL East-leading Phillies have scored only 24 runs in their past nine games.

Diamondbacks 3, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Zack Greinke added another road win to his strong first half by allowing only four hits in 7 2/3 innings, extending Atlanta's offensive slump, and Arizona shut out the Braves.

Astros 9, Tigers 1

In Houston, Gerrit Cole struck out eight in 5 2/3 strong innings, and Houston hit three home runs in a win over Detroit.

Cole (10-2) allowed one run and three hits with four walks after being activated from the bereavement list prior to the game.

Mets 7, Nationals 4

In New York, Zack Wheeler won for the first time since April 29, Michael Conforto homered and New York defeated Washington.

Jeury Familia pitched a perfect for his 17th save in 21 chances.

Rays 19, Twins 6

In Minneapolis, Jake Bauers homered for the second straight game and drove in four runs, Carlos Gomez homered and had two RBI, and Tampa Bay Ray scored 15 times in the final three innings to rally past Minnesota.

Athletics 4, Giants 3

In San Francisco, pinch-hitter Mark Canha hit a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning and Oakland continued its late-game success, rallying to beat San Francisco.

Stephen Piscotty and Marcus Semien had two hits apiece.

Yankees 5, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Austin Romine came all the way around to score when Cleveland committed two errors on his routine double in the seventh inning, and New York edged the Indians.

Didi Gregorius hit a three-run homer and Greg Bird added a solo shot for the Yankees

Cubs 11, Padres 6

In San Diego, All-Star slugger Javier Baez hit a three-run home run and drove in five, Kyle Schwarber and Ian Happ also went deep and NL Central-leading Chicago beat San Diego.

Baez hit a no-doubt shot to right-center field off Phil Hughes in the ninth inning, and the thousands of Cubs fans at Petco Park chanted "Javy! Javy! Javy!"

Rockies 4, Mariners 1

In Denver, Jon Gray returned from a two-week demotion to the minors to pitch effectively into the eighth inning, Carlos Gonzalez homered and Colorado extended its strong finish to the season's first half by beating Seattle.

Orioles 1, Rangers 0

In Baltimore, Rookie Yefry Ramirez and four relievers combined on a four-hitter, Jonathan Schoop drove in a run with a sixth-inning sacrifice fly and Baltimore beat Texas in a matchup of last-place teams.

Reds 8, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Jose Peraza had a career-best five hits, Scooter Gennett drove in two runs and Cincinnati waited out a pair of rain delays before beating St. Louis.

St. Louis fired manager Mike Matheny after the game. Matheny was 591-473 over seven seasons as Cardinals manager.

Jabari Parker agrees to \$40 million, 2-year deal with Bulls



CHICAGO (AP)—Jabari Parker and the Chicago Bulls agreed Saturday to a \$40 million, two-year contract, bringing the talented and oft-injured forward to his hometown team.

Agent Mark Bartelstein confirmed the deal shortly after the Milwaukee Bucks rescinded their qualifying offer. That made Parker an unrestricted free agent, clearing the way for him to join the rebuilding Bulls.

The 23-year-old Parker led Chicago's Simeon Career Academy to four state championships and starred for one season at Duke before the Bucks drafted him with the No. 2 overall pick in 2014.

The Bulls are banking on him to stay healthy after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee twice in four seasons with Milwaukee.

"Jabari is a 23-year-old player who is a natural fit with our young core, and is a proven scorer at the NBA level," general manager Gar Forman said in a statement. "We look forward to welcoming him back to his hometown."

Parker has averaged 15.3 points and 5.5 rebounds. His best season was in 2016-17 when he averaged 20.1 points in 51 games before tearing his ACL a second time. He played 31 games last year, averaging 12.6 points and 4.9 rebounds.

"Jabari and I felt it was in the best interest of both he and the team to rescind our qualifying offer, making him an unrestricted free agent," Bucks general manager Jon Horst said. "We appreciate everything Jabari has brought to our team and our community over the last four years and we wish him well."

Kerber tops Serena in Wimbledon finals



LONDON

(AP)—Angelique Kerber was not about to be overwhelmed by the setting or the stakes in this Wimbledon final. She knew exactly what to expect—and what to do—against Serena Williams.

Two years after losing to Williams with a title on the line at Centre Court, Kerber came through. So steady, so patient, so accurate throughout, she never really gave Williams much of a chance this time, putting together a 6-3, 6-3 victory Saturday for her first championship at the All England Club and third major overall.

"I think it's the experience. You have to go through all the things—the good things, the bad things—and then you need to learn," said Kerber, the first German to win Wimbledon since Steffi Graf in 1996.

"I know that against Serena, I have to play my best tennis, especially in the important moments," said Kerber, who won the Australian Open and U.S. Open in 2016, but was the runner-up to Williams at Wimbledon that season, "especially in the important moments."

That's just what she did.

"Angelique played really well," Williams said. "She played out of her mind."

Kerber made only five unforced errors the entire match, 19 fewer than Williams. Perhaps more impressive was this: She broke Williams in 4 of 9 service games.

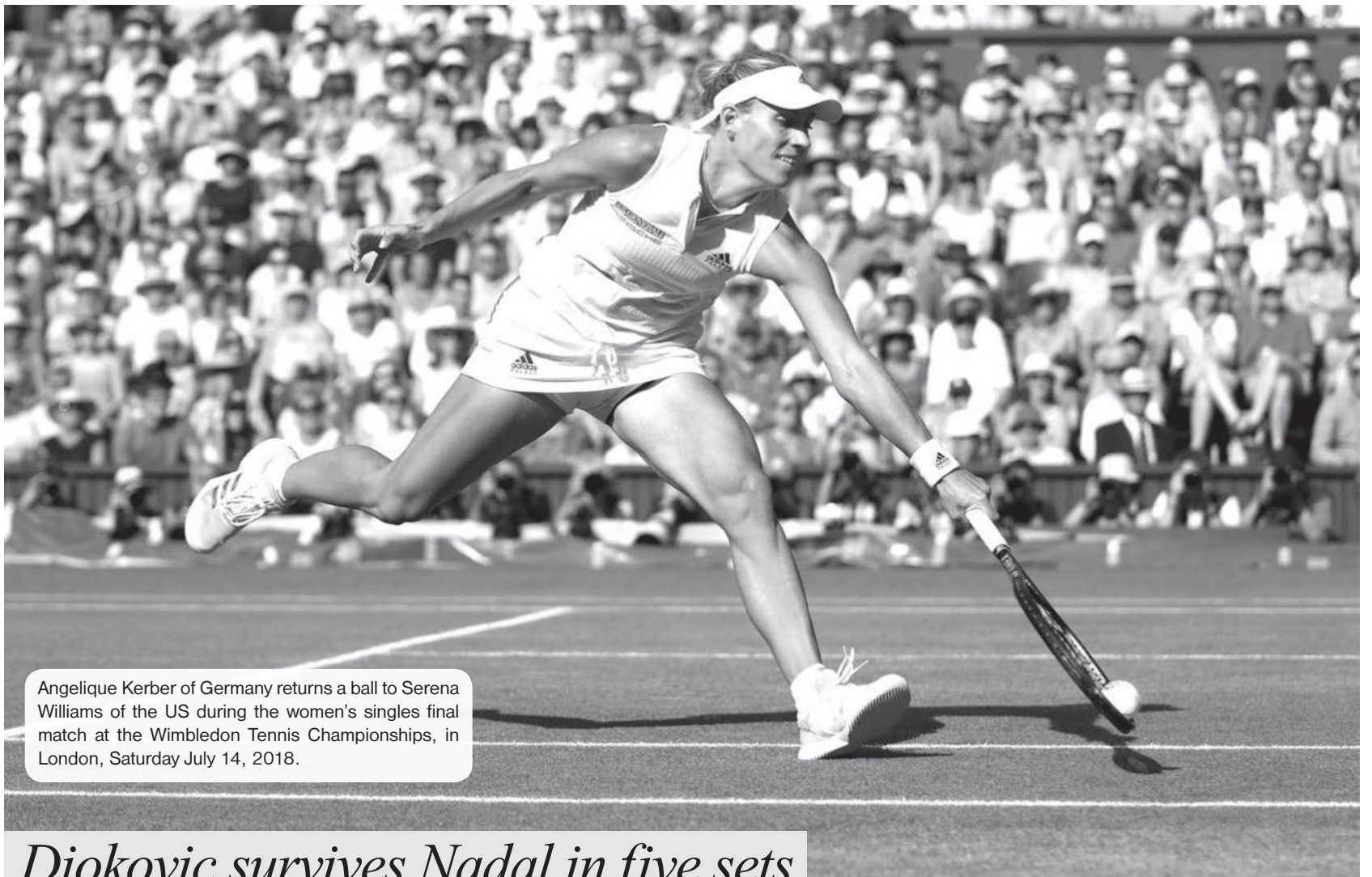
In doing so, Kerber prevented Williams from claiming an eighth title at Wimbledon and 24th from all Grand Slam tournaments, which would have equaled Margaret Court's record. As things stand, Williams holds the mark for the half-century of professional tennis, one ahead of Kerber's idol, Graf.

Williams gave birth only 10½ months ago, then was treated for blood clots. She wore special compression leggings as a precaution during Wimbledon, just the fourth tournament of her comeback.

After all the time away, Williams spoke about being impressed with herself for just reaching the final. She also wanted to win, of course.

"To all the moms out there, I was playing for you today—and I tried," said the 36-year-old American, her voice shaking during the trophy ceremony.

Kerber addressed Williams during the on-court interviews, saying: "You're such an inspiration for everybody, for all of us. I'm sure you will have your next



Angelique Kerber of Germany returns a ball to Serena Williams of the US during the women's singles final match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London, Saturday July 14, 2018.

Djokovic survives Nadal in five sets

LONDON (AP)—From the way Novak Djokovic repeatedly smacked his racket against his shoe after one miss, to the shouts directed at himself and his coach after others, it was clear how much he wanted to prove he's past the roughest patch of his career.

Djokovic sent the strongest signal yet he is back at the top of tennis by reaching his fifth Wimbledon final with a 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (9), 3-6, 10-8 victory over rival Rafael Nadal on Saturday in a match suspended overnight.

"It really could have gone either ways," said Djokovic, who is bidding for a fourth championship at the All England Club and 13th Grand Slam title overall. "Basically until the last shot, I didn't know if I was going to win."

He'll face Kevin Anderson in Sunday's final. Anderson beat John Isner in a 6½-hour semifinal that ended at 26-24 fifth set Friday night, pushing back the start of Djokovic vs. Nadal.

The second semifinal then was halted when the third set ended just past 11 p.m., because of a neighborhood curfew. It had started with Centre Court's retractable roof closed and so concluded that way, too, even though there was no hint of rain.

It all made for an unusual schedule, with the start of the women's final—normally the stand-alone showcase on the fortnight's last Saturday—delayed until Nadal and

Djokovic finished.

Djokovic hasn't won a major in more than two years, dealing with an injured right elbow that was so painful in 2017 he quit his quarterfinal at Wimbledon and sat out the rest of the season. He had surgery in February, but his results were still shaky.

Until now, that is. His defense and returning are as good as ever and made the difference in his 52nd career tour-level meeting with Nadal, more than any other two men have played.

"In my opinion, he deserved it," Nadal said. "I deserved it, too."

Undaunted by losing a lead and being forced to an extra set, Djokovic saved break points at 4-all and 7-all in the fifth, before breaking Nadal at love to end things.

"It's hard to pick the words," said Djokovic, who has won his past eight five-setters at Wimbledon. "I'm just going through things, flashbacks of the last 15 months, and everything I've been through to get here."

As intense as any athletes in any sport, these two didn't exactly slowly ramp things up when they returned to Centre Court about 14 hours after they'd departed. Having the roof shut meant every sound was amplified as it ricocheted off the dome—the thwack of ball off racket, the players' grunts, the spectators' applause.

This was high-decibel,

high-stakes, high-quality tennis between two of the greats right from the get-go, beginning with an 18-point, six-deuce game that last 15 minutes and felt truly pivotal. It included a 23-stroke exchange and three others of at least 11. Nadal saved two break points and when he finally held, the owner 17 major championships, two at Wimbledon, punched the air and yelled as if he'd won the match, not a solitary game.

When Nadal broke in Saturday's second game, a dismayed Djokovic grabbed a spare ball and whacked it with his racket against the wall behind the baseline. Fortunately, he was at the end of the court farthest from the Royal Box, where the pair of visiting Duchesses, Kate and the newly married Meghan, sat in the front row.

There were other such displays of emotion from Djokovic, who is prone to yelling at himself or at his coach. He reacted by getting broken again to trail 5-3 in that set by raising his left shoe and violently pounding his racket against it—one, two, three, four times. Moments later, he got to love-40 before Nadal took five points in a row to serve out the set.

But it was Djokovic who tended to be better down the stretch in his 52nd career meeting against Nadal in a contest that seemed as if it should be worth a trophy.

Might very well have been.

Grand Slam title soon. I'm really, really sure."

The final started more than two hours late, because they had to wait for the end of Novak Djokovic's five-set victory over Rafael Nadal in a men's semifinal that was suspended the night before. On Sunday, Djokovic will play Kevin Anderson, who won his semifinal against John Isner 26-24 in the fifth set Friday night.

Despite so much Grand Slam success, despite holding a 6-2 career edge against Kerber entering the day, Williams played tightly right from the outset.

After taking the opening two points, she made four miscues in a row to get broken. That was part of a run in which she dropped 8 of 9 points. Williams was mostly her own undoing, too: She was responsible for the final's initial six unforced errors. By the time the first set was over, the disparity was 14-3.

That's not going to work against an opponent of Kerber's quality.

Trying to sneak a ball by Kerber is something akin to trying to put one past a brick wall. There are no holes.

The left-hander scurried along the baseline, this way and that, using a combination of quickness and anticipation to track down what often appeared to be winners for Williams but were not enough to end a point. Kerber would bend real low, even putting a knee right on the grass to get a ball back.

And when she swung her racket, the measure was almost always true.

Kerber is much more than a defender. She has added a more aggressive element to her game in recent years and worked to improve her serve.

"I'm still sure that we haven't seen the best Angie," said her coach, Wim Fissette. "The defense is one of her qualities, but she also knows now that she's not going to win a Grand Slam with just defense, and that's, for me, very important."

Kerber was broken only once. And she delivered a pair of down-the-line forehand passing winners to grab the last break of Williams she'd need, for a 4-2 edge in the second set.

Kerber celebrated match point by covering her face and collapsing flat on her back, getting grass stains on her white outfit. She relished the moment she had dreamt about as a little kid, watching Graf on TV.

After embracing Williams, she climbed into the stands to hug Fissette and her family.

Later, Kerber sipped champagne and collected the round, purple badge given to a champion to signify membership in the All England Club.

She affixed the badge to her white T-shirt and laughed as she proudly played with it at the start of her news conference.

"Winning here, it's forever," Kerber said. "Nobody can take the title away from me now."

NFL players union files grievance over anthem policy



NEW YORK (AP)—The NFL Players Association filed a grievance with the league last week, challenging its national anthem policy.

The union says that the new policy, which the league imposed without consultation with the NFLPA, is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement and infringes on players' rights. The filing met a statute of limitations deadline and will be heard by an independent arbitrator, an NFLPA spokesman said.

In May, the NFL approved its national anthem policy at its owners meetings in Atlanta. The policy allows players to protest during the national anthem by staying in the locker room, but forbids them from sitting or taking a knee if they're on the field or the sidelines.

Teams will be subject to fines if players don't comply and will have the option of punishing players.

When the league announced the policy, Commissioner Roger Goodell called it a compromise aimed at putting the focus back on football after a tumultuous year in which television ratings dipped nearly 10 percent; some blamed the protests for such a drop. The union said at that time that it would file a grievance against any change in the collective bargaining agreement.

The union said Tuesday it has proposed having its executive committee talking to



In this Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, file photo, Buffalo Bills players take a knee during the playing of the national anthem prior to an NFL football game against the Denver Broncos in Orchard Park, N.Y.

the NFL instead of proceeding with litigation. The union said the NFL has agreed to those discussions.

The NFL declined to comment about the union's action.

In 2016, then-49ers quarterback, Colin Kaepernick began protesting police brutality and social injustice by kneeling during the national anthem, and the demonstration spread to other players and teams. It became one of the most controversial and sensitive issues in the NFL, with players saying their messages last year were being misconstrued, while others -- including President Donald Trump—called them unpatriotic. Trump even said NFL owners should fire any player who refused to

stand during the anthem.

Following those comments, more than 200 players protested during the anthem that weekend before the number of protesters dwindled as the season progressed.

"We're here for a bigger platform," Raiders tight end Jared Cook said during the spring. "We're not just athletes. We're people that live this. It's people in our neighborhood, it's people that we grew up with, it's people that we know who are actually living through these circumstances. So when we speak on it, it's not like we're just speaking out of the side of our neck. It's things that actually touch home and things that we can actually relate to."

"All I have to say is, I just think it's sad that it's veered from something that stood for good and the whole narrative has changed into something that's negative when that was not what it was initially about in the first place."

The NFL started requiring players to be on the field for the anthem in 2009—the year it signed a marketing deal with the military.

"We want people to be respectful of the national anthem. We want people to stand," Goodell said at the May meetings, when he dismissed concerns about the lack of union involvement by contending the league met with countless players over the past year.

"We've been very sensitive on making sure that we give players choices," the commissioner added, "but we do believe that moment is an important moment and one that we are going to focus on."

The league and the Players Coalition have been working

in tandem on efforts to support player initiatives in the community and for a variety of social issues. The NFL is committing \$90 million over the next seven years to social justice causes in a three-segment plan that involves league players.

Heat is on Tokyo 2020 organizers to combat high temperatures

TOKYO (AP)—The head of an IOC inspection team says organizers of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will explore all options to combat the extreme summer heat that will likely prevail in the Japanese capital during the games.

John Coates was in Tokyo for a two-day inspection of the city's preparations for the games which are just two years away.

The 2020 Olympics will run from July 24 to Aug. 9 when temperatures in central Tokyo can exceed 35 degrees Celsius (95 F). It's common to see thousands of people rushed to hospitals with heatstroke during those months.

Experts have warned the risk of heatstroke in Tokyo has escalated in recent years, while noting the Olympics are expected to take place in conditions when sports activities should normally be halted.

"We are mindful that we do have to prepare for extreme heat," Coates said at a news conference on Thursday. "You're not the first country to host the games in extreme heat. It's a natural consequence of being in July and August."

Coates said each venue will have to be prepared to combat the heat.



"The effect of this is something that I was addressing when I went out and saw the rowing course," Coates said. "It's always the case with rowing that, because

of winds, you might have a delay during the day and therefore we need to assure there is a large space for the athletes to rest in an air-conditioned area and that will happen."

The Japanese government and the Tokyo metropolitan government are planning to lay pavements that emit less surface heat and plant taller roadside trees.

"The spectators as well as the athletes have to be taken care of," Coates said. "The timing of the marathon and road walks will be as early as possible as they have been in previous games to beat the heat."

Coates visited several venues during this visit and said work is largely on track.

He toured several venues and described them as "very impressive." Among the venues visited were the new National Stadium in central Tokyo, as well as the badminton and equestrian venues.

Coates also visited the Sea Forest facilities, including the rowing and canoe sprint courses, calling progress "very good."

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joining Won in the Top 5. The list includes Yong Tae Kim (net 71.40), Yong Sook Kwon (71.60), Steve Balakrishna (71.60), and Thompson Palik (71.60).

Meanwhile, HANMI also handed out \$300 and \$200 cash prizes to the No. 6 to No.

10 finishers and No. 11 to 15, respectively.

Junior golfer Edward Lee was ranked sixth with his net 72 (field-best gross 71), followed by Federico Flores, Ned Norita, Ben Pelisamen, Steve Jang, Edward Manglona, Frank Sablan, Franco Santos, Yang Kim, and Dennis Yoshimoto.

In the closest to the pin con-

test, Freddie Cataluna, Martine Duenas, Frank Sablan, and Ray Villagomez prevailed in hole Nos. 4, 6, 11, and 15, respectively. Rene Batallones had the aggressive drive on No. 8, while the aggressive driveline honors on No. 13 went to Mike Cruz, and the longest drive belonged to Joe Saures on No. 18. Mario Peter completed the optional play

winners list with his accurate drive circle on No. 2.

"We would like to thank all the players, the volunteers, and of course our generous sponsors for supporting this year's tournament. Without their continued support, we will not be able to hold a successful tournament year after year," tournament chair Ty Pauling said.

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be battling Guam's Richelle and Regina Tugade and Shania Bulala, the Marshall Islands' Rosemaline Watley, Palau's Aubry Ngirangesil and Fantasia Ruvasch, and Pohnpei's Reloliza Saimon. The women's long jump is set for 5pm.

Pangelinan is also set to participate in the javelin throw against Pohnpei's Sandonia Likor, Guam's Genie Gerardo, and the Marshall Islands' Ruhiiyih Aho.

The qualifying heats and finals for the men's and women's 100m and preliminary races for the 400m runs are also slated for Day 1 of the athletics competition, which

will kick off with the staging of the 10K run for men and women at 7am.

Meanwhile, schedules of the other events in Micro Games were unavailable at press time, as the technical committee meetings for basketball, baseball, spearfishing, wrestling, and beach volleyball were also held yesterday. Others sports—indoor volleyball, canoe, open water swim, weightlifting, and Micro All Around will have their meeting today and tomorrow, while football and table tennis had theirs last Saturday.

The CNMI will only compete in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's weightlifting, men's and women's canoe, men's in-

door volleyball, spearfishing, and open water swim.

The Commonwealth delegates (more than 100) were among the around 2,000 athletes, officials, and visitors who will be staying in Yap for the competitions that will last until July 27.

There was confusion upon the arrival of delegates last weekend, as they were still securing a place to stay with the failure of "Forever Lucky" to dock in Yap. The Philippine-based ship was seized by PH authorities due to the alleged various labor and maritime violations. It was contracted by the Federated States of Micronesia to help in the accommodation and catering services for the Micro Games and was sched-

uled to arrive in Yap on July 11.

Saipan Tribune emailed FSM/Yap public information officer Francis Itimai to ask for an official statement on the issue surrounding "Forever Lucky," but has yet to respond at press time.

Sources from Yap said alternative housing arrangements have been made for those who booked with the cruise ship. Accommodations include empty commercial spaces and a large conference room in downtown Colonia, while a local restaurant owner has been enlisted to provide food to participants.

The Athletes Village, where most of CNMI delegates are staying, is located at the Yap High School and houses more

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Aside from 10-7, eight other boats delivered marlins that were officially weighed in.

Included on the list and the 10-7's closest challenger last Saturday was *K-Fisher*. *K-Fisher* reached the dock five minutes before the cutoff time and with the clock ticking, the anxious spectators and the boat's anglers were glued on the electronic scale, as staff from the Division of Fish and Wildlife lifted the marlin.

The scale tipped at 115lbs first and slowly went up, and then stopped at 379lbs—to the dismay of the packed crowd. *K-Fisher's* catch, which angler Pete Sablan said they got outside the Marpi area round 5pm last Saturday on

their way back to the dock, was more than eight feet, but leaner. 10-7's was plump although its length measured only around eight feet.

O'Dear did not land a marlin last Saturday, but showed up at the dock yesterday with their 334-lb billfish, while *Victoria* was in third place on Day 1 of the competition after getting a 302lb. *Blu-By-U* got a 255-lb marlin, *Cha'Nang* had 102.3lbs, *Cabo Express* recorded 71.2lbs, and last year's grand winner *Debbie I* of Guam managed to catch only a 184.8-lb marlin.

All results were posted at the event's board and unofficial, pending certifications from SFA. Winners in other categories—marlin, skipjack, wahoo, yellow fin, and mahi—will be announced tonight at the event's banquet.

Path to finals: France's was simple, Croatia's brutal



MOSCOW

(AP)—France and Croatia started their paths to the World Cup final similarly, needing a little help from their foes and officials to get their first wins. Both have benefited from great goalkeeping along the way. And both racked up goals against Argentina to help send the two-time champions home. From there, the teams' routes to soccer's biggest stage diverged greatly.

France, which won its qualifying group to come into the tournament as a top-seeded team, fielded a ferocious defense and, when needed, a scintillating offense in securing all of its World Cup wins in regulation. Croatia eked into the field as one of the last European teams to qualify, then ripped through its group before surviving an unprecedented run of three straight extra-time matches.

Here's a look at how each team made it through the six games leading up to Sunday's final.

HOW FRANCE GOT HERE

Group C

FRANCE 2, AUSTRALIA 1 : Les Bleus need a penalty from Antoine Griezmann and a late own-goal to get by Australia, an underwhelming start in a group they are heavily favored to win.

FRANCE 1, PERU 0 : Kylian Mbappe's easy finish in the first half makes the 19-year-old striker the youngest ever to score for France at the World Cup and secures a spot in the knockout stage.

FRANCE 0, DENMARK 0 : Both sides knock it around for 90 minutes knowing a draw means France wins the group and Denmark is second. It's the only goalless game of the tournament.

Round of 16

FRANCE 4, ARGENTINA 3 : Mbappe dominates in a round-of-16 match that has the feel of a final as the teams trade the



lead three times. The phenom scores twice and draws a penalty that Griezmann converts for a third, with a wonderful strike by Benjamin Pavard tucked in between.

Quarterfinals

FRANCE 2, URUGUAY 0 : Griezmann sets up one goal

and scores another on a Uruguay goalkeeping gaffe, refusing to celebrate it because of his close club and personal ties to the South Americans.

Semifinals

FRANCE 1, BELGIUM 0 : Samuel Umtiti's header from a

corner kick proves the difference as both goalkeepers stand out in a surprisingly defensive match between arguably the most talented teams in the tournament. As it did to Uruguay, France hands Belgium its only loss and returns to the final for the third time in the past six World Cups.

HOW CROATIA GOT HERE

Group D

CROATIA 2, NIGERIA 0 : Like France in its first match, Croatia uses a penalty kick and an own-goal to grab the lead in a group many identified as among

the toughest. **CROATIA 3, ARGENTINA 0 :** The Croats show they are for real by stifling Lionel Messi and routing Argentina with three second-half goals. **CROATIA 2, ICELAND 1 :** Already qualified and facing an Iceland team that had to win, Croatia sends out a squad heavy with reserves and still earns its third victory with a 90th-minute goal from Ivan Perisic.

Round of 16

CROATIA 1, DENMARK 1 : A blazing start and an epic finish as Croatia gives up a goal in the first minute and answers in the fourth, then survives a historic goalkeeping duel in a shootout in which Danijel Subasic makes three saves to send his team through 3-2 on penalties.

Quarterfinals

CROATIA 2, RUSSIA 2 : Another thriller as Croatia scores in extra time but surprise quarterfinalist Russia equalizes within minutes in front of a roaring crowd in Moscow's main stadium. An injured Subasic comes up with another save to help Croatia prevail 4-3 in the shootout.

Semifinals

CROATIA 2, ENGLAND 1 : Playing two hours of soccer for the third time in 11 days, Croatia goes down a goal early but comes back to level with a fantastic finish by Perisic and wins it with a clinical strike from Mario Mandzukic in extra time. The Croats reach their first final in their fifth World Cup.

Belgium finishes third, beats England

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)—For Belgium and England, the third-place match at the World Cup was more like a dress rehearsal for future finals.

At least they hope.

The Belgians earned their best World Cup finish by beating England 2-0 on Saturday in a match both saw as the start of a push for the European Championship title in 2020 or the World Cup in 2022.

"With this winning mentality you can win trophies," said Eden Hazard, who scored Belgium's second goal. "In two years, in four years, we

will be better. We have young players. They are very good also in the team. They push all of us."

Thomas Meunier and Hazard both scored at St. Petersburg Stadium in a match between the two semifinal losers.

France and Croatia will play in the final on Sunday at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. The French beat Belgium on Tuesday in the semifinals, while the Croats defeated England on Wednesday.

England matched its best World Cup result—fourth in 1990—since winning the tournament for the only time

in 1966.

"Today shows there's room for improvement. We're not the finished article. We're still learning. We're still getting better," England striker Harry Kane said. "We don't want to wait another 20-odd years to get into another major semifinal."

Both Belgium and England were playing for the seventh time in 26 days, but the Belgians entered the match with an extra day of rest.

Meunier's goal matched a World Cup record for Belgium by having 10 different players score in a tourna-

ment, something only done before by France in 1982 and Italy in 2006.

Meunier scored in the fourth minute, knocking a cross from Nacer Chadli past England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford. Hazard added the other off a pass from Kevin De Bruyne in the 82nd.

Toby Alderweireld denied England's best chance of the game, sliding on the goal line to clear a shot from Eric Dier.

Belgium's previous best finish at the World Cup was fourth, but the team outplayed England in the midfield to go one better this time.

YEKATERINBURG, Russia

(AP)—The massive scaffolding seating structures soaring out of each end of Yekaterinburg Arena were built to show Russia was serious about saving money. At the end of the World Cup, the temporary stands symbolize the problems with the tournament's legacy.

The stands were mocked on social media as fans sitting in those sections were exposed to the elements and looked as if they were watching from a different stadium entirely. No matter. It was fiscally responsible: The seating could be dismantled after the World

As World Cup ends, Russia faces uncertain football legacy

Cup to save on stadium maintenance, its components donated to smaller local venues.

But now regional officials say they don't yet have a plan to remove the stands, or the funds to do it, and are asking Moscow to help.

The stadium used to host soccer and other sports like track and field, but after World Cup renovations it's only suitable for soccer. It costs up to 367 million rubles (\$5.9 million) a year to maintain.

"Just by football you cannot make money at this stadium. It will never pay off by football

matches only," Deputy Governor Sergei Shvindt told The Associated Press. He hopes concerts and shows will eventually cover, or at least reduce, the shortfall.

After reaching the quarterfinals, Russia may have newfound confidence on the soccer field. Its cities, though, could end up burdened with costly arenas.

The Yekaterinburg Arena cost 12.7 billion rubles (\$203 million) to renovate for the World Cup, and the head of the Ural Yekaterinburg football club, which is due to play

there after the World Cup, has told local media it will cost 1 billion rubles (\$16 million) to remove the extra stands.

Maintenance costs for other stadiums have soared, too, and local officials are pleading for help from the federal government.

The stadium in Samara appears the most expensive at around \$8 million a year, according to an estimate acting governor Alexander Fetisov gave the state news agency Tass.

The Russian government remains tight-lipped on how stadiums will be maintained, but World Cup organizing

committee chairman Arkady Dvorkovich said Wednesday that Russia must keep spending to avoid a repeat of 2014 host Brazil's under-used, poorly maintained and loss-making stadiums.

"You can't throw the stadiums away. You have to work on them every day and be responsible with them," he said, "and sadly in Brazil they didn't have the resources to do that at several stadiums."

Volgograd's stadium cost around \$276 million—or \$69 million per World Cup game it hosted. The capacity of 45,000

is nearly 12 times greater than the average crowd for club team Rotor Volgograd's games last season.

Nizhny Novgorod, Sochi and Kaliningrad face similar problems in a country which has Europe's biggest population but crowds at its top-level soccer games barely average more than the main Belgium league. Of the 12 World Cup stadiums, just six will host Premier League games next season.

Russia hopes its new arenas will attract people who don't usually go to soccer games, but have been inspired by the World Cup. However, they'll arrive with high expectations.



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10-7 rules fishing derby

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The Alvin Iglesias-skippered 10-7 had a triumphant debut in the 34th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament after reeling in the heaviest single catch way ahead of the cutoff time of the competition held over the weekend.



Iglesias and anglers Phil Babauta, John Jimeno, Keith Torres, and C.J.

Echalico brought a 445-lb marlin to the dock at Smiling Cove Marina last Saturday to take the lead in the Saipan Fishermen's Association-sanctioned tournament and



remained on top of the board at the conclusion of the event yesterday at 6pm.

Around 30 minutes later, *Youth of Fountain* arrived at

the dock with their 492-lb catch, but it was not counted as per tournament rules and was only weighed in for record purposes. "We've been competing in

the derby for the past several years, but it was our first time to join using this boat 10-7," Iglesias said a few minutes before the competition wrapped

up last night. They derived the name from a betting system in cockfighting where some of his anglers are also joining.

Besides the boat's debut

10-7 captain and anglers and their family members are all smiles as they pose with their 445-lb marlin last Saturday at the Smiling Cove Marina during the 34th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

win, the team also recorded two more "first" with Babauta participating in his first derby and the group making it to the weighing station ahead of the 69 other entries.

"We caught this between 9am and 9:30 am and it took us 30 minutes to bring it up to the boat," Gimeno said. "The moment we caught it, we headed back to the dock and called it a day to prepare for the next one."

"We got it somewhere east of Tinian—almost the same exact spot where we also landed a 400-plus marlin about two years ago using a different boat. It's our fishing spot, that's where my dad used to bring me," added Iglesias, who took over the captain chores from his father as the latter retired after 28 years of fishing around the Marianas.

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The CNMI's Jamie Pangelinan, left, seen here racing in the 100m run in last month's Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 at the Oleai Sports Complex, will compete in three events in the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap today.

Micro Games opens; athletics competition starts

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The 9th Micronesian Games kicked off yesterday afternoon in Yap with the usual parade of nations, while competition will be focused on the track today with athletics kicking off at the Matson Sports Complex.

Veterans Tony Ichio and Ron Olopoi and multi-sport

athlete Kelvin Fitial will be the first ones to see action for the CNMI Athletes Team when they participate in the finals of the men's discus throw, beginning at 4:30pm. The three Commonwealth bets will be up against the Marshall Islands' Sidra Triplett and Rais Aho, Guam's Joshua Miller, Palau's Ian



Koshiba and Florian Temengil, and Yap's Medson Rawelmai and Javez Mooteb.

Next up for the CNMI are three young athletes competing in women's long jump. Jerlyn Castillo, Jamie Pangelinan, and Meani Acosta will

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HANMI Golf Classic draws over 130

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More than 130 registered for the 17th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic held last Saturday on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Korean Jong Bong Won

was among them and went on to top the blackjack

double-peoria tournament after posting a net 71. The 12-handicapper shot a 42 on the front nine and a 41 on the back for a gross 83 to rule the competition and receive



\$500 plus a one-night stay at Kensington Hotel.

Four other golfers took home \$500 and each got a one-night accommodation at HANMI-member hotel for

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HANMI officials and members join the Top 5 winners in the 17th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic during the awards ceremony for the tournament last Saturday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.